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And reflect it from the
mountain
so all souls can see it...."
-Bob Dylan

Fatal crash raises concerns about drunk driving

by Jenny Russell '02
NEWS WRITER

On Saturday, November 11 at 1:45 a.m. a fatal crash occurred on the campus of Colgate University. The crash resulted in the death of four and injury of three. Robert Koester was the driver of the 1999 Jeep Cherokee that crashed into a tree on the south roadway of Oak Road. After impact, the car spun 180 degrees and skid 37 feet into a second tree on the north side of the roadway.

The driver and two of his friends were returning to campus after a night in downtown Hamilton. Before arriving on campus they stopped to pick up four girls who were on their way back to campus as well. The men and women did not know each other, which created a problem for investigators of the crash.

Koester is a 20-year-old Colgate junior who is now being charged with four counts of criminally negligent homicide and driving while intoxicated. The two other men with Koester were Christopher R. Rea, 20, of Menands and Kevin E. King, 20, of Troy. King, who attended Hudson Valley Community College in Troy, was pronounced dead on the scene.

Emily E. Collins, 18, of Norwich New York, a freshman at William Smith, Rachel H. Nargiso, 18, of Norwich, a freshman at William Smith, Katherine J. Almeter, 18, of Norwich, a freshman at Colgate, and Elke M. Wagle, 18, of Glenmont, a freshman at Colgate were the four women in the car with Koester. Collins, Nargiso and Almeter were all killed in the crash.

Wagle was brought to the Community Memorial Hospital in Hamilton where she was treated for fractures of her hip, pelvis, ankle and arm. She was transferred to the Albany Medical Center and is in stable condition.

A memorial service was held at Colgate and was attended by more than 900 students. A moment of silence was also taken before the home football game against Holy Cross Saturday afternoon.

The Hamilton College Community has also taken action to prevent a similar tragedy from happening here. Tim Fossett '02 sent out an all campus email asking the Hamilton Community to send an email to President Tobin requesting two jitneys per night and a doubling of the jitney drivers' salaries. Fossett stated that he has received both positive and negative feedback. President Eugene M. Tobin informed Fossett that he has received over fifty emails concerning the increase in jitney service.

In response to the emails Tobin stated "Nothing is more important to me than saving lives. I am authorizing an increase in the frequency of jitney services on the weekend."

In response to the charge that the school's new alcohol policy is increasing incidents of drunk driving Tobin wrote, "I do not believe our alcohol policies are unduly restrictive. This college must comply with state and federal law; we have no choice."

Fossett was met with negative feedback from various students and faculty. Opponents of increased jitney service argue that people should take personal responsibility. In response Fossett said, "People will take personal responsibility, which will need to be met with the demand for increased jitney service."

Steve Guditus '01 has also taken action to make the Hamilton Community aware of the dangers of drunk driving. Guditus, who is the senior class president, has placed a banner in Beinecke, which reads:

- We will not tolerate drunk driving.
- Get a designated driver.
- Be responsible.
- Do not allow tragedy to happen here.

He is asking all the Hamilton Community to sign this banner.

Guditus said, "Too many times fingers are pointed and the blame gets put on specific people. Pointing fingers is not a solution. Through positive outlets, the tragedy could become a turning point for prevention. This is the point of the banner, to promote mutual community responsibility."

Amanda Mereau '02 commented, " It is very sad that it took a tragedy like this to wake the Hamilton Community up to the problem. It should not take a tragedy to provoke the students to take preventive action against drunk driving. Hopefully due to

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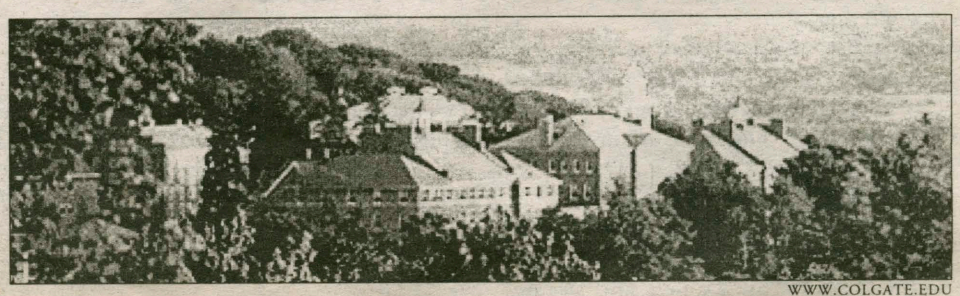

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The Colgate campus is in mourning after a drunk driving crash claimed the lives of four. The Hamilton community is now focused on preventing a similar tragedy from occuring here on the hill.

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Ben Thomas '01 passes out after a long night of ... working on his thesis.

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Tobin presents strategic plan

Draft presented to community, subject to future revisions

by James P. Du Vernay '03
NEWS WRITER

On Monday, November 13, Hamilton College President Eugene M. Tobin formally presented the college's new Strategic Plan. Approximately 150 community members, predominantly faculty, scattered throughout Wellin Hall to hear the findings of the report.

After observing a moment of silence for the Colgate students killed last week in an automobile crash, Tobin proceeded with a well-prepared Power Point presentation explaining the Strategic Plan. He outlined his three-fold objectives for the presentation: clarifying the need for a plan, describing the foundations for the college's planning, and explaining what community members must do to make the plan work.

As for the first part, Tobin explained, "Colleges plan in order to position themselves for the future, to develop a shared sense of urgency, to communicate with their multiple constituencies, to map the competition, and ultimately to say, 'this is who we are'."

Tobin continued by briefly sketching the background against which the college offers its plan. He noted the 1995 Residential Life Decision and the May 2000 curriculum reform measures as cornerstones of the plan. "The excitement and promise of the college's new academic program make it a cornerstone for Hamilton's Strategic planning effort," Tobin said.

Acknowledging the infinite amount of options top high school students have when selecting a college, Tobin predicted, "a strong consumerist approach [toward] issues of cost, affordability, and consumer value will frame family decisions about investing...in higher education." He believes the new Strategic Plan will position the college to respond to that approach.

The president then summarized the major sections of the Strategic Plan. While recognizing the ambitious goals articulated in the plan, Tobin expressed confidence in the school's ability to achieve them. The goals included: a clear vision for the college, emphasized for certain college programs, expanded support for other programs, constant assessment, and recruitment of a diversified student body.

A question and answer period near the presentation's end was marked mostly by silence. Two students and a handful of faculty members ventured questions, most of which centered on the logistics of implementing the plan.

Some students left interested in learning more. Tom Keane '03 felt, "If things go as planned, it looks very good, [although] in one hour the president doesn't have time to go over the details of how it is going to be realized."

Christopher Fogelstrom, '03, looks forward to more answers, "It's an outline, we'll see how he fills in the blanks."

The president has scheduled a series of 16 lunches beginning this week so the com-

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Gomez gives talk on sex, mythology and social change

by Jenny Russell '02
NEWS WRITER

Jewelle Gomez spoke in the Red Pit of Kirner-Johnson this past Tuesday. Gomez is a fiction-writer, essayist, and poet. Her published works include various books of poetry and *The Gilda Stories*. Gomez is known as "an expert on vampire mythology and imagery."

Gomez opened her talk by stating that she "loves to talk about sex, mythology and social change."

She then emphasized the belief that sex is defined by myth. The historical myth of sex is that two females cannot have sex. Many writers have written seductively about two adolescent girls, but never about two adult females. The belief behind this is that female sexuality is luring and scary.

Gomez's main interest in writing is to examine what would happen if certain elements are changed in a myth that we have accepted. She focuses on family, responsibility, power, and community to change a myth.

Gomez believes that most women are looking to identify with a female hero, this is why women and young girls have revered Xena the Warrior Princess, the Spice Girls, and Oprah. According to Gomez, all women are looking to identify with a woman who invokes family, responsibility, power and community.

The talk then turned to her work, *The Gilda Stories*, where she explained why she chose to write a novel about a vampire. Her explanation was that writing about vampires allowed her to break up stereotypical images of mythology. Once she started her writing, she discovered how popular mythology about vampires is.

She ended her talk by reading two sections from her novel. She concluded by saying that, "adults need myths as much as children."

Gomez's audience consisted of many students from different academic focuses including creative writing, women's studies, romance languages, African Studies as well as many others. Pete O'Brien '02 commented, "Her lecture was unique and gave a view into the life of a black, lesbian, female writer."

Laura Richards '03 added, "She was an excellent speaker who kept the audience captive."

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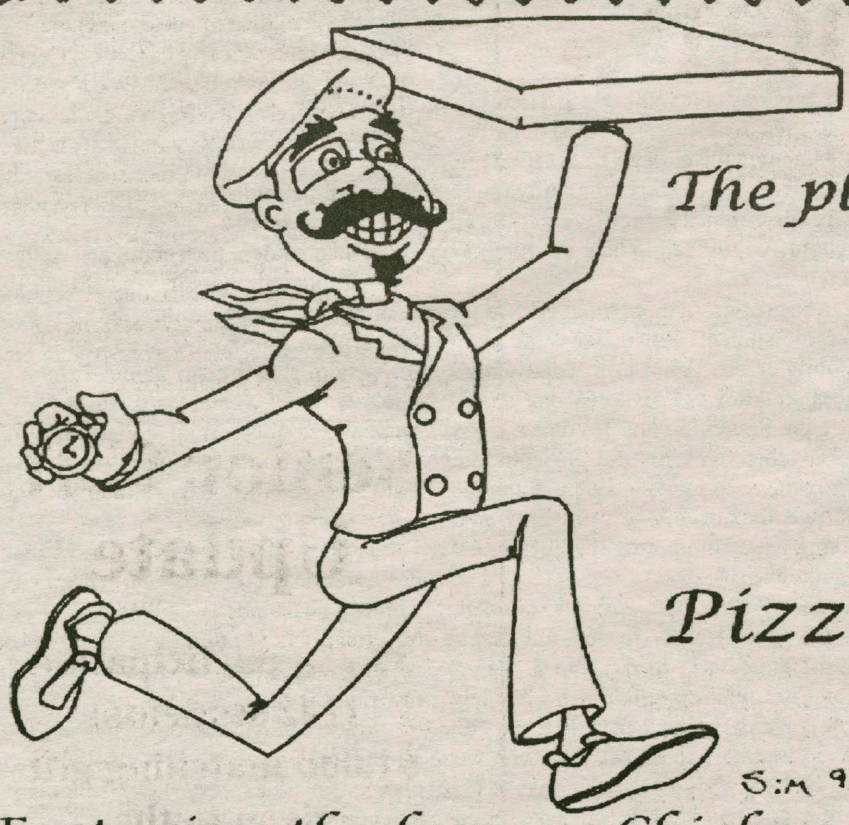

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munity can discuss the plan.

Mithat Yaltir, '03, said he will participate: "All in all, the presentation made me more interested in the issue. Now I have no hesitation to attend the lunches to discuss the details."

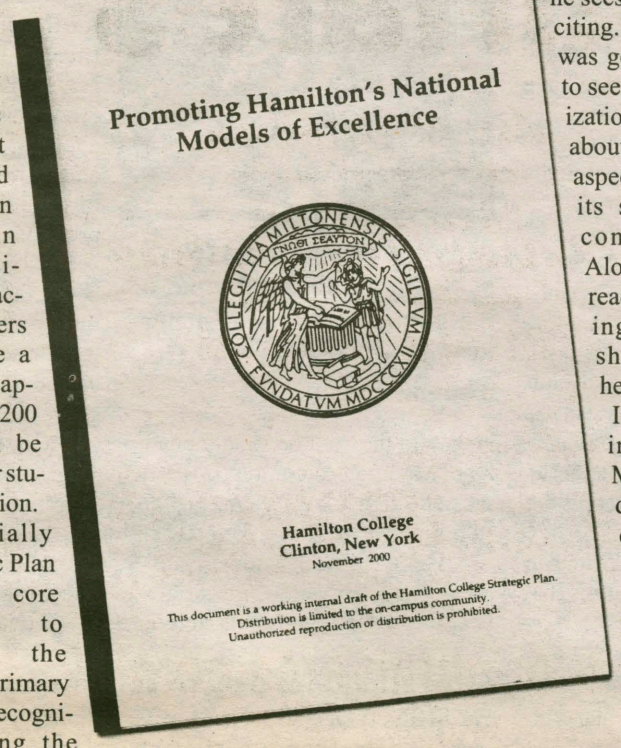
President Tobin notified the campus of the Strategic Plan last week and placed it on reserve in Burke Library. All faculty members will receive a copy of it; approximately 200 copies will be available for student inspection.

Essentially the Strategic Plan outlines 10 core strategies to achieve the College's primary objective: recognition "among the handful of pre-eminent liberal arts colleges in the country."

One of the goals involves strengthening Hamilton "name-brand" recognition. On page 12, the report states, "to enroll the best students, Hamilton must increasingly be seen as one of the best colleges." The college will implement core strategies of the plan by "linking it with new and existing programs that will enable Hamilton to achieve greater recognition and reputation."

Jeff Krutz '01 has taken the time to read the document in its entirety and likes what he sees. "It sounds exciting. I kind of wish I was going to be here to see the plan's realization. A good thing about the curriculum aspect of the plan is its stress on oral communication. Along with our already strong writing program, it should really help."

In his concluding remarks Monday, President Tobin called for feedback on the plan. He noted, "The document is a work in progress; a living, breathing, working draft." Significant questions remain to be finalized including prioritizing, creating assessment mechanisms, and determining the optimal future size of the college.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Student Voice Box

Student reactions to the Colgate tragedy

Calvin Zarin '01:

"An accident like that makes you stop and think. You realize how stupid we are sometimes by thinking that we can drive up the hill drunk and keep getting away with it. We all know people who have been in, or almost in, a drunk driving accident. It's just stupid."

Joe Mondella '01:

"There is too much drunk driving on this campus. People need to take more responsibility for themselves, but two jitneys would help."

Adrien Moseley '01

"It shouldn't have to take a tragedy like this for the administration to realize that there is a need for more jitneys. It also shouldn't have to take a tragedy like this for the students to realize they have to be more responsible about drinking and driving."

Rich Hoyt '01

"It is sad that it took an accident like this to get people thinking about drinking and driving."

Erica Bergeron '01:

"Drinking and driving is definitely a problem on this campus. It's bad, but we all know people who drive up the hill every weekend drunk. Most of us have even ridden with drivers who are drunk just to avoid waiting in the cold for the jitney. More jitneys would definitely help lower the number of people who drive drunk. The real sad thing about a tragedy like this is that it will make people stop driving drunk for about five minuets, then they will forget about it. They will continue to drive drunk because they believe that nothing will happen to them."

Community responds to Colgate crash

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this tragedy, faculty and administrators will see that our current alcohol policy is depleting the social interaction on campus and causing Hamilton students to go off campus which increases drunk driving."

Elizabeth Buckley '02 stated, "I think regardless of a student's age they are going to drink. The campus should not encourage this, but they should not ignore it to the point where students are forced off campus, where drunk driving is more likely to occur. Rather, they should have more events on campus and more social spaces available where students do not have to use a vehicle to get somewhere."

MADD representative of Oneida County, Patty Washburn said, "The crash is absolutely terrible. Next week is Thanksgiving, think about the families who will be without their loved ones. These families will experience pain and anguish for the rest of their lives. That other lives can be saved by this horrific incident is all we can hope for. It is a senseless loss of life."

The tragedy at Colgate has opened people's eyes on the hill to the dangers of drinking and driving. The only question that remains is, how long will their eyes remain open?

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Compiled By Sarah Karalunas '04

Survey shows Marquette U. students voted more than once

(U-WIRE) MILWAUKEE — A Marquette Tribune survey of 1,000 students who voted in Tuesday's presidential election showed that 174 voted more than once.

Following allegations of voter fraud made by the Republican Party of Wisconsin, the Tribune began an investigation into voting fraud and irregularities at the polling places where Marquette University students could vote.

The survey showed that of the 174 students who voted more than once 121 of them voted absentee in their home state and again in Wisconsin, 44 students voted twice in Wisconsin, 26 students voted three times and 13 students voted four or more times.

Of the students surveyed, three voted for cartoon characters, 51 students voted for themselves, 76 for friends and 30 voted for family members.

Student statements are believed to be true since students discussed their potentially illegal actions during the election after they were provided with anonymity. According to the State Election Commission, violation of state election law can result in a maximum three-year jail sentence and/or a $10,000 fine.

Milwaukee County District Attorney E. Michael McCann said he is taking all of the allegations very seriously, but the allegations must be confirmed before any action can be taken.

Protests close University of Nairobi

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — Authorities closed the University of Nairobi indefinitely Thursday after two days of protests by students opposed to a new admission policy they claim will lower academic standards.

Vice Chancellor Frances Gechaga ordered the 8,000 students to immediately vacate their dormitories. Immediately after his statement was issued, police told student leaders that if the students refuse to leave, they will be evicted by force.

Normally, police remain outside university grounds during student disturbances unless requested to enter by administrators or if the schools are closed.

Trouble started Tuesday when students moved out of their dormitories, blocked a major highway and stoned motorists, forcing the road's closure. When riot police fired tear gas canisters and attempted to reopen the road, the students responded with stones, some using sling shots.

The students oppose a new admission policy that allows anyone with C-plus grades or higher and the money for tuition to attend any degree plan at the university.

Most students have to obtain loans from the government and must possess higher grades to be admitted to certain faculties, including medicine, law, engineering and architecture.

NYU union case has colleges worried

NEW YORK (AP) — Graduate student workers and the universities that employ them face each other in a changed labor landscape, with both sides wondering how a landmark union ruling will reshape the way they work together.

Labor activists predicted Thursday that organizers on campuses around the country would be emboldened by the National Labor Relations Board's decision a day earlier giving graduate students at New York University and other private institutions the right to form unions.

AP

Graduate students at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign demand that the university allow graduate employees

"I think it's going to energize students," said Patrick McCreery, an NYU American Studies student. "We are just very proud that we've set national precedent with it."

Meanwhile, university officials worried that the ruling, which overturned policy two decades old, might interfere with educational decisions.

And at NYU, administrators and students waited to learn how their relationship would evolve under the new terms.

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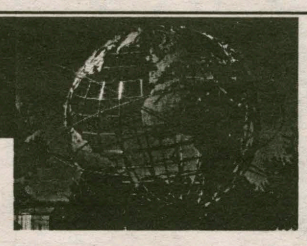

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34 dead after drinking home brew

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — An illegal, home brew popular among poor Kenyans is being blamed for at least 34 deaths in two Nairobi slums, police said Wednesday. Another 112 people have been hospitalized.

"They started dying this morning, and it has risen ever since," said police spokesman Peter Kimanthi, adding the death toll would probably rise much higher.

All the victims died Wednesday in two Nairobi slums where a consignment of the illicit brew is believed to have been brought in from western Kenya, Kimanthi said.

Illegal home brew is popular among poor Kenyans because it is cheap and extremely strong, but the ingredients can range from high-octane fuel to metholated spirits.

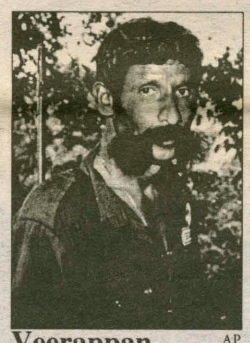
A glass of the illegal brew, known locally as "changaa," costs 12 cents compared to 40 cents for a bottle of beer. Poverty is widespread in Kenya, which is going through its worst economic crisis since independence from Britain in 1963. More than half its 29 million people live on less than a dollar a day.

"This was distilled spirits, but the ingredients are unknown," Kimanthi told The Associated Press. "They can use aviation fuel or something similar. The brewers compete with each other to see who can create the most potent brew. We expect this number (death toll) to grow. Some people are claiming they are blinded."

An undetermined number of people were arrested in connection with the incident, Kimanthi said, adding that police had taken samples of the brew to be tested.

Kidnapped Indian actor freed

MADRAS, India (AP) — A popular Indian film star kidnapped in July by a notorious bandit accused of 300 murders was released Wednesday, prompting joyous fans to set off fireworks in celebration.



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Veerappan stands with a gun in his hideout.

Rajkumar's release came after months of tortuous negotiations between Veerappan, the outlawed bandit, and the state governments of Tamil Nadu and Karnataka, the areas where most of his crimes were committed.

N. Karunanidhi, chief minister of Tamil Nadu, said in a statement that Rakjumar was released early Wednesday and "informed me that he is hale and hearty." The statement said Rajkumar was in Erode, 280 miles northwest of Madras, the capital of Tamil Nadu.

It wasn't immediately clear why Veerappan, 56, had agreed to let Rajkumar, 72, go even though none of his demands had been met. Following the announcement, firecrackers burst in celebration in Bangalore, the Karnataka state capital.

The July 30 kidnapping of Rajkumar, a veteran of more than 200 Kannada-language movies, sparked violent strikes in the region as people demanded quick government action to free him. On Nov. 7, the Supreme Court blocked attempts by the Tamil Nadu and Karnataka governments to free 51 of Veerappan's accomplices — serving sentences for murder, sandalwood smuggling and poaching — in return for Rajkumar's safety.

Some Turkish inmates live in luxury

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — The photo said it all: gang members posing on a canopy-bed surrounded by carpets, talking on their cellular phones from inside a high-security prison.

The newspaper that published the photo, Hurriyet, said the bed looked like "the throne of Arab princes" and it shocked people even in a country where prisoners routinely run their wards and occasionally use smuggled phones to coordinate riots or hostage takings.

Not only did gang leader Nuri Ergin and his brother Vedat live in princely comfort, but according to Hurriyet the two had been running the prison for weeks, beating and torturing inmates. It said the brothers demanded money from prisoners' relatives and took gold wedding rings from inmates.

The picture was found by police searching Usak prison in western Turkey following riots last week in which inmates loyal to Nuri Ergin took 28 hostages, beat and tortured eight inmates and threw three of them out of a prison window. Five inmates were killed and a dozen prisoners and officials were injured.

NATIONAL NEWS

Compiled By Sarah Karalunas '04

Candidate represented by cardboard

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — If one candidate looked stiff during the debate, it wasn't because he was nervous. He was made of cardboard.

AP

This is an image from television of a cardboard cutout of candidate for the presidency of the Philadelphia NAACP Thomas Logan.

The debate Tuesday on WTVE-TV among candidates for the presidency of the Philadelphia NAACP featured three figures sitting at a table — two people and a life-sized image of Thomas D. Logan propped up in a chair.

Logan had called before the debate to say that he couldn't make it because of an undisclosed family emergency, but station officials said they felt he should be represented anyway.

"Mr. Logan committed to participating in this debate, and when he didn't, well, we were prepared for that eventuality," said Jim Sweeney, news director and acting general manager.

The three-dimensional candidates were local NAACP president J. Whyatt Mondesire, who is seeking a third two-year term, and community activist Joey Temple.

Ant-eating flies may rescue south

WASHINGTON (AP) — A tiny Brazilian fly whose larvae literally eat the heads off of fire ants will be unleashed across the South under a government program to control the vicious ants that are a spreading menace to homeowners, farmers and wildlife.

The Agriculture Department, which claims the gnat-like phorid fly is of no danger to anybody or anything other than fire ants, announced plans Wednesday to release hundreds of thousands of them in the South and possibly in California, where the ants have now spread.

"It is a self-sustaining biocontrol," said Richard Brenner, who leads a USDA research team in Florida. "Twelve sites per state could blanket the state within five years."

Fire ants can make life miserable for homeowners and gardeners and cause billions of dollars in damage every year to air conditioners, electrical equipment and farms, experts say. The ants can blind and even kill livestock and wildlife, and the sting is occasionally fatal to humans.

The ants, which are native to South America, have no natural enemies in the United States. Chemical treatments are only effective temporarily.

"Anything that will take care of these fire ants will be fine with me, as long as it doesn't hurt anything else or the environment," said Kym Bell.

Electoral College clothes get boost

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) — Shelve the Notre Dame T-shirt and put the Michigan cap on the rack. The hip collegiate garb this strange political season bears the name of a school that doesn't exist: Electoral College.

The excruciatingly close contest for the White House has given a boost to Electoral College Sportswear and Accessories, a Maine business inspired by the nation's system of choosing a president.

Orders for collegiate-style T-shirts, sweat shirts and caps have been pouring in thanks to greater public awareness of the electoral system in the cliffhanger race between Republican George W. Bush and Democrat Al Gore.

John and Marcia Diamond have taken time off from their regular jobs to handle the extra demand — several hundred orders the week of the election. The business is so overwhelmed with mail, Internet and phone orders that the couple plans to hire two full-time workers to help out.

Their products got an extra boost from an Election Day appearance on C-SPAN, whose viewers tend to be the kind of customers that Electoral College targets: political junkies who find Senate proceedings irresistible and appreciate the company's slogan, "America's Most Selective Four-Year Institution."

"It's very much an insiders' joke," said John Diamond, a former majority leader of the Maine House of Representatives. "I'll walk by in airports and people will say ... 'Hmm, is that a public school?' and I'll say, 'In a way, yes.'"

Editorial

In light of the recent tragedy that occurred at Colgate, Hamilton College President Eugene M. Tobin has designated some long, overdue changes.

For years, drunk driving by Hamilton students has been a cause of great concern. That problem has escalated this semester with Hamilton becoming stricter with its alcohol policy. Many students under the age of 21 have opted to try their luck at the bars downtown, while many students over 21 continue to frequent the downtown area.

Students have long called for increased jitney service and it appears that the clamoring has finally paid off. Tobin announced late Thursday that, "In response to our students' clear and persuasive calls for increased transportation to the Village of Clinton, the College intends to make a second van available for expanded jitney service on the weekends."

This decision is a good one. Large numbers of students (for various reasons) drive drunk after a night downtown that it is difficult to believe a tragedy like the one that happened at Colgate has never occurred here. Perhaps, it took such a horrific, tragic incident only 20 miles away to finally make students realize what can happen when they drive after a night of drinking.

The administration needs to understand once and for all that drunk driving is a very serious problem and that the problem is not likely to change unless the college makes a concerted effort to institute changes like increased jitney service. Tobin is on the right track, but we caution his warning that this may only be "temporary."

If the President wants to eliminate the threat of drunk driving, he must not be myopic and believe that "temporary" increased jitney service will somehow eliminate the problem forever. Instead, he needs to make increased jitney service a permanent solution. We understand that student drivers are needed, but do not foresee that being a huge problem.

Furthermore, instead of spending incredible amounts of time in committees and talking abstractly about problems, Tobin needs to talk more candidly with students about their concerns, fears, and solutions. Tobin is a decent, hard-working man who really cares about the welfare of his students.

In fact, sometimes we wonder why he is sometimes reluctant to go with his gut and make some decisions on his own, even if they prove to be unpopular ones. Having a committee or studying a problem for six months cannot always solve every problem. Tobin needs to use his judgement and realize that as one distinguished American put it, "You can't please all of the people all of the time."

Administrators (much like politicians) sometimes need to make decisions and statements without worrying about their popularity among students, faculty, fellow administrators, or trustees. Tobin has made many good decisions such as increasing jitney service on the weekends and some bad ones, such as removing Tom Murphy as Athletic Director without providing any reason. We implore Tobin to not always look at things one way, but perhaps imagine himself in our shoes and figure out what policies and decisions he would want out of his administrators if he were a student here.

The President is correct when he says that verbal abuse and other forms of mistreatment of jitney drivers will not be tolerated. There is no excuse for any student to be disrespectful to someone that is providing a service for the college and offenders should be dealt with accordingly.

Too often at Hamilton, people that commit offenses are let off the hook too easily. This is not an attack on the Judicial Board, the Honor Court, administrators, or anyone else who believes we are singling them out. If the administration and others truly want to eliminate harassment of jitney drivers, theft, vandalism, and other crimes on this campus, they need to create suitable punishments.

We believe that the college is beginning to realize that people who are a nuisance on this campus should be removed. People who act in ways contrary to the ideals of Hamilton cease their right to be members of our community.

We applaud Tobin, Dean of Students Flossie Mitchell, Senior Associate Dean of Students Nancy Thompson, and others in their quest to both weed out these troublemakers and eliminate the threat of drunk driving at Hamilton.

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Letters

To the editor:

The Student Assembly was dismayed by the horrific acts of vandalism that have recently taken place on our campus. This campus is home to 1700 students in addition to hundreds of faculty, staff and administrators and it should be treated with respect. The Student Assembly condemns these actions and stands behind those members of the community who report these senseless acts to our Campus Saftey officers and local authorities.

Signed,

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Insight & Ideas

Appreciating the Hamilton Universe: Opus, Pub, Events

Seth O'Bryan

Despite being in the middle of the best years of our lives in our safe fantasy land called Hamilton College, life can get tough, confusing, and frustrating. Sometimes it's academic strain, sometimes it's a bad weekend, a fight with a girlfriend or friend, or something happening in our real lives outside of this bubble.

Regardless of what it is, college can be an emotional drain, where sometimes you just get frustrated with it all. If you're a senior, the struggle expands to the job search and senior theses, which might be the most frustrating of them all.

There are days when I come back to my room shaking my head, trying to figure out what's real, who is real, what to believe in, who to believe in, and what I believe in. Our own reality changes every day. At any rate, it is during those rough stretches that it is good to go back to what is so special about college, and ask ourselves why it is a great. Two weeks ago I wrote about some things I love about this school, today I write again about what makes me happy while I'm here.

When in doubt, I always know I can go to my friends to talk, to hang out, to just have fun and let go. It's amazing how many awesome people are here, how I find myself surrounded by so many interesting and kind people. I consider myself truly lucky to know so many good people. Never again will it be so easy to step outside of your room and find so many people that you can genuinely enjoy hanging out with.

Whether it is playing nintendo, throwing a football, watching a movie, having a beer, playing chess, chatting about life, whatever it is, it's so easy to do here. When I'm home and have to drive to visit friends or make that extra effort to get out of my house, I really miss how easy it is to see any of the great people I know here. When I graduate, I will think about how many friends of mine I should have visited more, spent more time with.

The Little Pub and Café Opus are two of my favorite places to meet people and chat. It took until my senior year to realize how special both places are. Some members of the Hamilton community think that the Pub is just a place that serves alcohol, but to me it is so much more. Almost every time I'm there I see some friend of mine that I don't get to talk to often, and we share a beer and just chat. It's so nice.

First off, the atmosphere there is wonderful, which is one of the reasons Pub lunch is so popular, and also the employees are cool. One of my best friends is a bartender, and it's always my pleasure to go and see him and chat. Senior night, although not fully utilized, is another night I really enjoy, not necessarily for the drinking, but to see my senior friends who otherwise I don't spend much time with.

Café Opus is a similar small facility with a great atmosphere where you can just forget about your troubles and smile. I'm actually pretty new to Opus myself, but the few times I've been there I've really enjoyed it and plan on spending more time there. Also, in both places a few times during the week, the college sponsors music and such, which is a nice touch. What we need is a bigger place for social gathering where people can come together and relax, chat and meet new people.

This past weekend was the cultural festival, which I thought was amazing. There was a buffet of different cultural foods, flags of different countries represented, dancing, raffles, and most of all a lot of smiles and cheering. It was one of those moments where I'm proud to be a member of Hamilton College. Funny, another aspect of Hamilton I love is the network neighborhood; right now I'm listening to some mp3's from Big Red. Whoever that is, I hope he/she knows how good his/her music taste is.

It's moments like these, where I get caught up in how special this school is, that I have a hard time understanding why things like the vandalism and stealing or student dissatisfaction or the cliquish nature of Hamilton exist. Why can't we break our own cliques here? Unless you think they don't exist. The CCC chair, a position that coordinates activities between various organizations and groups on campus, will be filled next semester, and with that I hope to see organizations working together to break barriers.

This is a moment where I ask you to really appreciate what's special about this college. I hope I'm not being repetitive or boring or corny. It's just sometimes, often times, I feel like I get so caught up in my own world or get caught up in what's so frustrating about this school or life in general that I forget about what's most important. I'm starting to repeat what I wrote two weeks ago, but I can't help it.

From time to time all we need is a peace of mind, and that's what I'm shooting for. Usually when I write, it's in hope of change, like making people take responsibility for their own actions, but tonight, tonight I think of what's good about our school, especially the people, from administrators to Marge to Dennis Murphy to professors to students to whoever I left out.

They, we, make this a special place. Don't ever forget that, don't take it for granted. In closing, have a good break, and I challenge you to come back with one idea or way we can improve student life and our college, and then make it happen.

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Bad Touch

Last year, around this time, I remember going down to the Great American to buy a bag of oranges for the first hockey game of the year. I remember walking through the cold across campus to get to the game and the sense of warmth I felt when I finally got inside the heated Athletic Center. I remember standing in line for a few minutes to get in, and actually hearing cries of an excited student crowd coming from inside the rink. I remember getting to the front of that line and starting to walk into the rink. And then I remember a security guard grabbing my crotch.

While he did find three oranges in there, is my crotch not sacred? I contend that a

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security guard should be able to confiscate oranges if they are out in plain sight, and they should probably search a few backpacks, but to frisk students for citrus fruits is a bit ridiculous. Who cares if we're gonna throw them at the other team's goalie? He's wearing pads. The Continental hockey team will be firing pucks at him all night long, and oranges are a lot softer than pucks.

I can't remember the last time I saw a crowd of Hamilton students get excited for a sporting event that didn't involve a performance by the dance team. The Orange game is fun. Moreover, the kids actually plan in advance for this event. Everyone knows they take all of the oranges out of Commons a good 2 or 3 days before the game, so kids actually have to travel off the hill to purchase the fruit on the local economy. Some kids even take the Jitney.

I understand that the administration and the security folk have a certain responsibility to maintain order and promote safety for everyone involved, but we're gonna throw the oranges anyway. The greater issue here is that another Hamilton tradition is being discouraged, and even worse, one that promotes unity and spirit throughout the student body.

From what I've gathered in my 3 years at Hamilton, we have 2 long-running traditions: Getting hammered on Class & Charter Day and throwing oranges at hockey players from Maine. That's about it.

I remember showing up to the Orange Bowl 10 minutes before the opening face-off my freshmen year — and not even getting in because it was so crowded. Over the past 2 years, security has changed their stance at the door from "looking for oranges" to "groping students to see if they have oranges in their underwear." Since then, the Sage Rink has had plenty of empty spots. What a shame.

The administration and Security have a definite obligation this Friday night. They cannot encourage students to throw fruit at hockey players. If a kid tries to roll a shopping cart into the game, that cart must be confiscated. Students don't need backpacks at a hockey game, so they should be searched as well. But if you can't see any oranges on us, don't touch.

Two kinds of students will come to the game this Friday: Students with oranges concealed and students just there to watch the game. And one fact is inevitable — there will be a lot of oranges thrown onto the ice when the first goal of the season is scored. But instead of fighting the student body on yet another issue, let the administration responsibly embrace our tradition and keep their hands to themselves.

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Hot off the IM Newswire...

Clinton, NY (IM)- Only two days after signing a record 8-year, $128 million deal, Utica Nasties superstar Jed Barash has announced that he is holding out. "Man, $128 million is great and all, but I just decided that my kind of lifestyle— the sports cars, the women, the Evian water— its all a bit more expensive than I imagined two days ago." Donald Wahlberg, CEO and General Manager of the Nasties, spit out his morning coffee upon hearing the news: "He signed the contract two days ago!!! How can he be holding out already?"

Over the past 48 hours, many in the sports world have criticized Wahlberg for the signing. With good reason, many have wondered why the Nasties tendered an 8-year contract to a player with one year of intramural eligibility remaining. Still, others are concerned about the effect of the signing on smaller market teams. "Yeah, that's fine for the Nasties, but how are we going to compete now? We simply don't have the money to pay players like that," said Kevin McHale, GM for the Minnesota Timberwolves. In a conference call from his hot tub, Barash rejected this criticism, saying simply: "McHale, if you want the electricity, your gonna have to pay the electric bills...it's as simple as that."

Even some of Barash's teammates have lampooned the superstar for his selfish behavior. For example, Ben Thomas, a two-year starter and three-point specialist complained about his meager salary and wondered aloud why he still has to pick up trash after games. "I'm so much more important than Barash, but I get paid minimum wage, and I'm still picking up the garbage that his fans leave behind. It's utterly ridiculous." Barash, never one to leave criticism unanswered, responded with the biggest crack of the day: "You know what's ridiculous? As sure as the Pope is Catholic, as sure as night is dark, Ben Thomas is sure to make an ass of himself. Memo to Ben: you get paid minimum wage because you're minimally popular. As for the garbage, that's no way to talk about your family."

On Wednesday, Barash was seen tuning up for the season at MTV's Rock n' Jock Basketball 2000. Guarded by Nathan Morris from the group Boys II Men, Barash scored 54 points, 50 of which came on one basket— hitting a shot on the extra high gimmick hoop instituted during the last 2 minutes of the game.

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My Own Little Slice of Heaven

J.P. LeBlanc

Thanksgiving break is approaching swiftly, and that can only mean one thing - IM Hoops. IM Hoops is the largest campus wide athletic function, as it should be. However, tucked away in the corner of the Alumni Gym, lost somewhere in the giant sneakers of A-League superstars Ron Thomas '01 and Calvin Zarin '01, is my own little slice of heaven. IM B-League Hoops.

I know what you are all thinking. IM B-League is for the birds. It's a place where the jumpers aren't always consistent, the cross-overs aren't always lightning quick - but it has something that A-League can't touch - Scott "the Body" Nelson '01. Nelson may be the only player in the history of IM Basketball to miss a free throw to the right of the backboard. It is moments like these that exemplify the meaning of athletics.

And no team embodies sport like perennial B-League juggernaut Team Power. Team Power has experienced the highs and lows of B-League Hoops for three years. This team, perhaps the most talent-laden collection of athletes B-League has ever seen, has yet to win a championship in its three years of existence. For those who doubt their basketball prowess, ask the women's varsity team. Team Power defeated them, in what was hardly a contest, by a score of 79-23. Will this be the year Team P finally gets to don the IM Championship tees?

Player-Coach Matthew Olney '01, who his players affectionately call "Dirty", seems to think so. The team brought in the fedora wearing, sagacious Olney in hopes of finding not just a coach, but a mentor. "With the return of three-point specialist Joe Furst '01, and the addition of 6'4" Cameron Larson '01, we are adding exactly what we need to take us to the championship - height and outside shooting."

The addition of Larson adds to an already potent front line of Scott Nelson, a 6'2" round mound of rebound and journeyman Greg Ernstrom '01, a slightly undersized yet rotund presence in the paint. Olney points out that "there is no way possible that we will get out-rebounded. It's just not possible."

Don't forget to add into the mix Frank Vinci '01, who is known to opponents as an "Italian Ball of Hate". Vinci, who grew up on the mean streets of Framingham, Mass, is not afraid to mix it up with the other team's biggest and baddest players. Perhaps the only obstacle Team Power faces is themselves. One opposing coach pointed out that "Coaching Team Power would be like trying to coach 8 or 9 Isiah Riders - it's just not possible."

This maybe true, as Furst's stellar IM career will forever be marred with the Kelly McKeown '00 debacle. Though he claims he was just "running through a pick", many think otherwise as he proceeded to high-five every player in sight while screaming in jubilant excitement.

Furst is not the only hothead in the backcourt. Peter Ringel's '01 temper can sometimes match his fiery red mane. One IM GM remembers Ringel as "the kid who threw the ball at (then IM commissioner) Mark Barsanti '00." Although Ringel can cause some problems, he was last year's league leader in steals.

Ringel's backcourt comrade, JP LeBlanc '01 is equally, if not more competitive than Ringel. He is so competitive that he threw a folding chair onto the court after being pulled in favor of Ringel during last year's championship game. LeBlanc, the team's defensive stopper, is a seasoned and savvy veteran who can be called upon to play three or four different positions. Just like every other dominant team before them, Team Power has its superstars.

Greg Geist '01 and Rich Hoyt '01 are proven commodities, and according to Team Marsh GM, Mike Catalfano '02 "they are the real deal." Geist is a small, shifty guard who is lethal from outside. In his own words, this league is going to be easy until "someone learns to cover me." Hoyt is a classic combo guard, who score inside and out. This dynamite duo is perhaps the league's finest backcourt combination.

Despite this endless pool of talent, Team Power has lost the last two championship games by a combined score of two points. Will Furst return from Spain and be the answer , or will his on court antics prove to be a cancer that eats away at team unity? Coach Olney put it best, "I sure hope not, because we have one chance left at the title."

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Science in the News

A scientific controversy: the history of the AIDS virus

by Kristin Patrick '03
SCIENCE WRITER

The early 1980s witnessed the emergence of the HIV/AIDS virus into the forefront of world health concerns. For the past 20 years, baffled scientists have been working furiously to track the disease's origins in order to better understand the nature and behavior of AIDS.

Despite the efforts of scientists to thwart the onslaught of this deadly virus, today over 34 million people are said to be living with AIDS, according to the United Nations Program on HIV/AIDS. Though researchers have gained considerable knowledge regarding the nature of the virus thus far, a definite source for the disease is still heavily disputed.

For years, scientists have been debating the ever-elusive origins of the HIV virus. Generally, the scientific community has accepted the theory that Human Immunodeficiency Virus, HIV, is a descendant of simian (monkey) immunodeficiency virus (SIV). HIV itself is classified as a lentivirus, a family of viruses that have been found in many non-human primates.

The first known case of AIDS in the United States dates back to a case in 1969 in St. Louis.

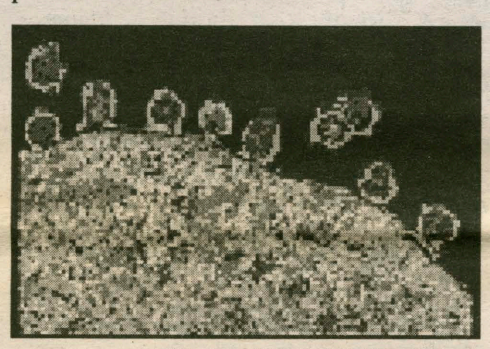
The idea that HIV-1, the most deadly form of the virus, derived from a simian virus in chimpanzees and somehow crossed over into the human species, is widely supported by scientists. The question remains, as to how the virus actually crossed the species barrier.

The earliest known AIDS cases are still questionable. A group of British researchers in 1983 reported that a sailor from Manchester died of AIDS-like symptoms in 1959. Subsequent testing of his tissue is said to have proved positive for the AIDS virus. Earlier still, an adult male who lived in what is now the Democratic Republic of Congo is said to have died of AIDS, an allegation supported by recent isolation of the HIV virus from a plasma sample taken from the man prior to his death in 1959.

The first known case of AIDS in the United States dates back to 1969, when an African-American teenager in St. Louis died of AIDS-like symptoms; his tissue too, indicated a presence of an HIV-related virus. HIV-related deaths however, were never attributed to the virus until the 1980s gave rise to the first cases what we now refer to as the AIDS epidemic.

Research scientists have formulated many various hypotheses regarding the origin of the HIV virus. In 1992, Tom Curtis, in an article for Rolling Stone magazine, and later in a letter to Science, presented a highly controversial hypothesis on the origin of AIDS and its relationship to an experimental Polio vaccine. In an article in the Washington Post in 1992, Curtis theorized that "the African [AIDS] epidemic was spawned by a contaminated polio vaccine administered from 1957 to 1960 to at least 325,000 people in Rwanda, Burundi and the former Belgian Congo."

Curtis based his theory on a critique of research conducted on the polio virus at the Wistar Institute, a research facility in Philadelphia, PA, from 1949-1952. During the late 1940s, polio epidemics were ravaging many regions of the world, including central Africa. At that time, Dr. Hilary Koprowski and Tom W. Norton of the Wistar Institute developed a technique to attenuate (make less infectious) the polio virus through cloning the virus from primate tissue. Koprowski and Norton were successful in attenuating three types of the polio virus, which were then used to create polio vaccines. According to Curtis, scientists at the Wistar Institute could have used primate tissue from a species of monkey that might have harbored a simian immunodeficiency virus, a possible precursor to the HIV virus.



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An electron micrograph of a group of HIV daughter cells.

Hilary Koprowski deemed Curtis' theory "unnecessary and harmful, particularly since the vaccine was tested thoroughly before any vaccinations was done." Clones for the vaccine she said, were produced in kidney tissue obtained from rhesus monkeys captured either in India or the Philippines, thus nullifying Curtis' claim that the vaccine was contaminated by African monkeys that harbored the simian immunodeficiency syndrome.

While the earliest cases of AIDS are unclear, one of the first AIDS victims appears to have died in 1959.

Furthermore, the same strains of vaccine used in central Africa in the 1950s had been distributed amongst populations of millions in Poland, Switzerland and Croatia, where the vaccine was observed to be safe and unassociated with any major illness. Ultimately, due to a lack of scientific interest, Wistar did not carry out tests of its remaining polio vaccine stores in question, though the institute did in fact, appoint an independent committee to look into the history of the vaccine.

In 1999, the hypothesis of polio vaccine contamination resurfaced in *The River* by British journalist Edward Hooper, who advanced Curtis' theory by suggesting that the vaccine might have been made with chimpanzee tissue contaminated with an ancestor of the virus that eventually evolved into HIV. Again, the theory was not widely embraced by the scientific community, though it did lead to a call for tests on Wistar's remaining vaccine samples from the 1950s polio vaccination campaign.

Despite a flurry of controversy in the past few years, a recent hypothesis of the origin of the AIDS virus linking it to inappropriately prepared polio vaccines has been debunked.

Last month, researchers in London announced that tests have failed to support the widely disputed theory that the AIDS virus emerged in humans as a result of exposure to this experimental polio vaccine. In February 2000, the Wistar Institute sent out samples of the vaccine to researchers at three independent laboratories: Roche Molecular Systems in California, Max Planck Institute in Germany, and the Pasteur Institute in Paris.

The samples were tested for the presence of HIV and SIV as well as for the species origin of two types of DNA. The tests identified DNA from one species of primate-the Asian macaque monkey in the Wistar samples, thus disproving the existance of a link between chimpanzees and the Wistar Polio vaccine.

The dismissed chimpanzee/polio vaccine theory is just one more in a long line of debunked AIDS origin hypotheses. Since the birth of the epidemic 20 years ago, a myriad of theories regarding the virus have been put forth, most of them rejected by the scientific community. For example, a handful of scientists contend that AIDS is caused by a combination of lifestyle factors such as drug used, inadequate nutrition and contraction of multiple STDs.

In addition, a considerable percentage of the population believes that AIDS is a man-made tool of the United States government intended to wipe out African-Americans or homosexuals, though these theories have little to no basis in scientific fact. Ultimately, these ideas do little to help scientists figure out the mystery of the AIDS virus, but serve mainly to skew public opinion regarding the treatment and prevention of HIV.

Though the origin of HIV/AIDS continues to elude scientists, many advances are being made daily regarding treatment of infected HIV patients. Just this past week, scientists reported that a promising new DNA vaccine appears to control a strain of the virus in monkeys. AIDS experts remain hopeful that their work and dedication will lead to the development of vaccines, which could eventually curb the spread of this deadly epidemic.

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Prof. Charlie Holbrow
of Colgate University
Monday, November 20
at 3:00 p.m. in the
Physics Auditorium

Searching for the Giant Squid

by Yina Luo '03
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

On Friday, November 3, fishermen off of northern Spain captured a giant specimen of a strange, light-emitting deep-sea cephalopod. The giant squid weighs 275 pounds, measures seven feet in length and seems to be the biggest of its type discovered in the region. Contrary to the hopes of big eaters near the port of Ribadesella, it will not end up on their plates. Instead, it will be preserved and displayed in a marine center whose most impressive cephalopod to date was a 140-pound specimen.

Large animals have always fascinated people. Whales, elephants, rhinoceros, giraffes, hippopotami and large fish are not only stars on the movie screen, they are also frequent subjects of scientific research. One large animal has gone almost unnoticed and certainly unobserved in its natural habitat. That animal, the largest invertebrate on Earth and one of the biggest predators surviving in the deep sea, is the giant squid.

The largest squid ever measured, one that was washed ashore in New Zealand in the late 1800's, was 60 feet long from the tip of its torpedo-shaped body to the ends of its two feeding tentacles. This giant weighed about a ton and had an estimated potential of growing to 75 feet.

Five decades after this discovery, in his magnum opus *Moby Dick*, Herman Melville portrayed an oceanic eyesore of "vast pulpy mass, furlongs in length...long arms radiating from its center and twisting like a nest of anacondas." All of these myths and stories generated a host of legends about the giant squid. People became increasingly interested in the giant squid, attempting to find out where they live, what they eat and how they mate. Since giant squid live 300 to 1000 meters below the surface of the ocean, these questions have remained unanswerable for aeons.

Although they have been washed ashore on different continents, found in the nets of commercial fishermen and in the stomachs of sperm whales, no scientific information has been gathered by direct observations of live giant squid.

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As early as 1857, Jappetus Steenstrup, an eminent Danish biologist, gave the giant squid the scientific name *Architeuthis*.

More than 100 *Architeuthis* individuals have since been found on beaches and coastlines in both hemispheres. Though substantial in numbers, these specimens have not contributed as much information as scientists had hoped. Primarily to blame is the fact that many of the specimens were destroyed. Once dead, giant squid decompose rapidly. Their eyes, skin and internal organs disappear first, and squid are often found dead without their tentacles.

As commercial fishermen drop their nets to greater depths, the frequency with which giant squid are caught is increasing. These specimens are generally in better condition than beached squid. However, those caught are often in the throes of death from trauma. Despite the fact that they are freshly caught, these captured squid are not good specimens for scientific study.

"When you net a squid in the deep sea, the only ones you catch are the slow, the sick, and the stupid, because they normally have excellent eyesight and are extremely sensitive to what goes on around them. They have the most highly developed brain of any invertebrate," says Dr. Clyde F.E. Roper, the curator of the recently opened exhibit entitled *In Search of the Giant Squid* at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History in Washington, D.C. Dr. Roper also spends much of his time at the Smithsonian's Marine Research Station in Fort Pierce, Florida.

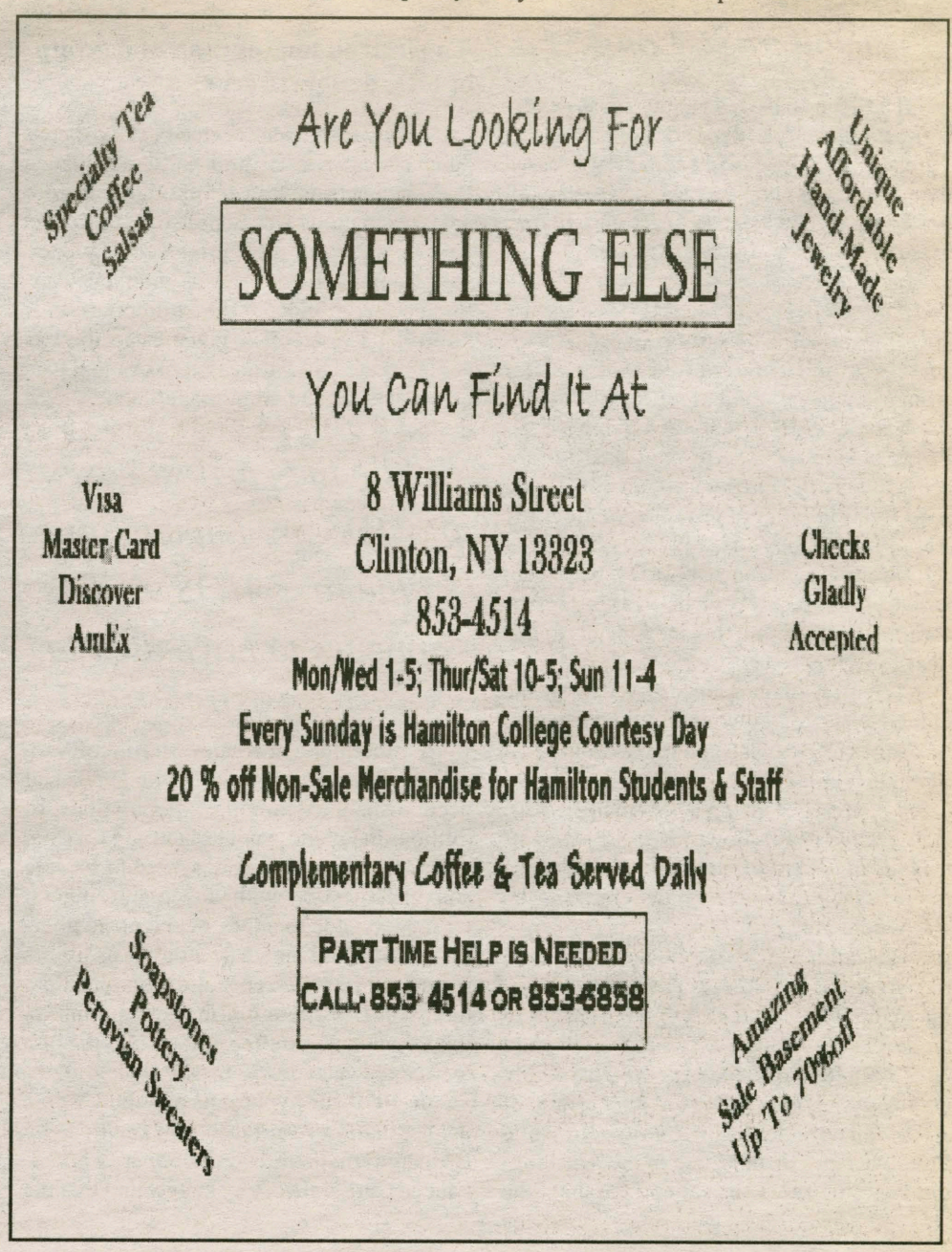
Another source of information in the study of the giant squid is the sperm whale, which often bears circular scars inflicted by the powerful suckers of giant squid. Scars as large as 20 cm have been reported, and some believe that it would take a 75-meter long squid to bear such a sucker. The general areas where giant squid reside can be estimated from the stomach contents of sperm whales. Squid tissue is quickly digested by the enzymes in the large mammals' stomachs. However, the squids hard beaks, which are made from a carbohydrate known as chitin, prove indigestible.

Sperm whales have a special way of ridding themselves of the thousands of pointy squid beaks that accumulate in their digestive tracts. They coat the beaks with a slick, waxy substance known as ambergris, then pass the mass of beaks through the digestive tract. Despite the information gathered by studying sperm whales, scientists are still a long way from getting a true picture of the giant squid.

Today, Dr. Roper is planning what could be the capstone of his career. He and other experts will pool their decades of cephalopod experience to seek out the giant squid. They plan to use one of two deep-diving submersibles chartered from Florida's Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institution, a premier marine research facility, to patrol targeted waters of the Atlantic and Pacific Ocean. The goal of this expedition is to capture the elusive giant squid on camera. Each sub has a large acrylic sphere for maximum visibility and a full complement of special lighting and camera equipment. These subs are capable of descending to the hypothetical 1,000-meter deep lair of the *Architeuthis*.

Roper is confident that he will be able to find the giant squid. Roper and other teuthologists (squid experts) have spent more than 30 years "putting together little bits and pieces, so that you gradually build a picture of what this animal might be doing, and where it might be living, and when are the best times to find it." He is also planning to find the giant squid by searching for sperm whales during the times that they are known to feed.

Whether the centuries long curiosity can be satisfied through Dr. Roper's search or not, the information gathered will most likely be extremely valuable in the study of the giant squid. The search may also provide tremendous information for those ocean lovers who long to uncover the many mysteries of the deep blue sea.



Features

Professor Simon resigns as head golf coach; retains devotion to helping students balance work and play

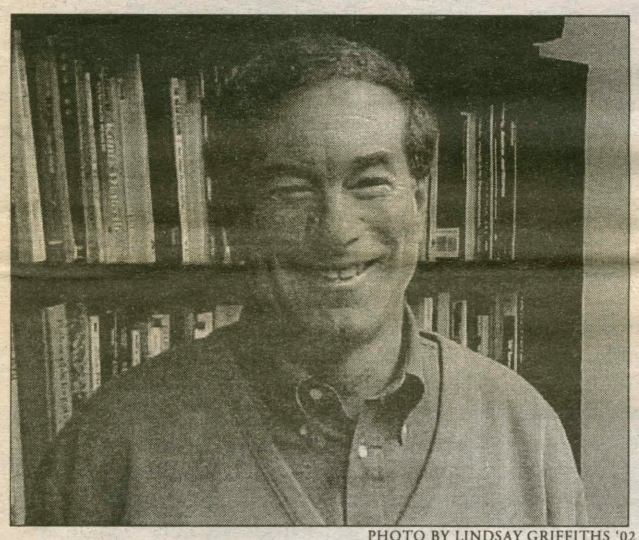
by Stephanie Higgins '04
FEATURES WRITER

Robert Simon, a professor of philosophy, just recently stepped down from his position as Head Golf Coach. He began coaching in the 1986-1987 season and, according to Simon, he has loved every second of it. Impressively, his teams have been nationally ranked and have played at national championships. However, Simon emphasizes that the best part was always getting to know the players.

He recounts several funny stories throughout the years. "The teams never had much respect for my playing ability," he laughs, "After returning from a tournament at Williams College in 1998, one of my players asked another how I did: "Terrible," he replied, "he hit the ball just like coach!"

Coach Simon decided to step down to the assistant coach position this past year because the travel was getting to be too much for him handle. He explained that since both coaching and teaching are full time jobs, it just got to be too overwhelming to handle both responsibilities. Since the change, Simon has coached alongside the new Head Golf Coach, Mike Byrnes, a graduate of the class of 1998. As a student, he was co-captain of basketball. Simon laughed, "He's doing a great job this year. He's a good golfer, but I'll beat him!"

Simon is a well-known figure in the local golf community. As a player, he's had his share of small successes in both local and state championships. Once again, Simon explained that part of his enthusiasm for the activity was the opportunity to meet lots of people. He later attended a training service by the United States Golf Association to become a rules official. With a smile and a chuckle, he said, "I suppose I enrolled when my skills as a player started to erode."



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Although he resigned as head golf coach after more than a decade of service, Simon still advises the team.

Here, he teaches a class that has a section on the philosophy of sport. It is based on his book *Fair Play*, which focuses on ethics and sports. He also is past president of the International Association for the Philosophy of Sports, a worldwide organization of scholars who study philosophical issues involving sports.

Due to his long service on the Hill and his expertise in both academics and sports, Simon also commented on the recent academics and athletics controversy that has emerged in our community. In essence, this controversy centers upon some faculty members' opinions that student athletes are becoming overwhelmed with their commitment to their team activities and responsibilities to the detriment of the academic commitments both in and out of the classroom. On the flip side of the coin, many faculty members believe that more concessions need to be made to accommodate the admirable dual commitments of student athletes. Basically, community members' opinions center around the division of opinion about the appropriate amount of time that students should spend on athletics vs. academics and the extent to which special privileges and support systems should be awarded to student athletes.

" We need to be careful that practice time and travel don't put students at academic risk and are compatible with our academic mission. On the other hand, faculty should understand that athletics is a very important part of people's lives."

Simon stated, "Some faculty are upset about athletes missing classes. Recently, they are even more worried about Hamilton joining NESCAC as a full time member because there may be more travel. I feel that students admitted to Hamilton can handle both athletics and academics; I've had three Phi Beta Kappas on my team in a single season. Both my sons played for me (there was little respect for the coach during those years) and both were strong students and fine players. A better athletic program can attract better student athletes. However we need to be careful that practice time and travel don't put students at academic risk and are compatible with our academic mission."

But Simon also recognizes the flip side. On the other hand, he noted, "Faculty members should understand that athletics is a very important part of people's lives and that many of our athletes have worked hard to become highly skilled; there are very talented people here that should participate in both."

While on the topic of controversy, Simon also reflected on the email protests. He said, "Students need to be careful not to elevate protests about parties to the level of civil rights. Whether or not the language used to criticize the student behavior was appropriate, some of the actions by some (not all) students were indefensible."

In closing, Simon is proud to say that he believes that Hamilton has a really good golf program. However, he feels, "It's too bad the college doesn't take better care of the on campus golf course, especially since the team has won several NESCAC championships and has been nationally ranked. Other teams we play against have much better courses; Williams has one of the best courses in the world." In conclusion, he emphasized what he feels to be an important criticism of the athletic facilities on campus. He stated, "We have a strong golf program, so it is too bad the team often has to be dependent on the good will of outside facilities."

PHOTO COURTESY ROBERT SIMON

Professor Simon and team at the 1998 NCAA Men's Golf Championship, the first and only time they have qualified.

Culture Fest's communitarian spirit unites performers and attendants through food, song, poetry, and dance

by Celine Geiger '04
FEATURES WRITER

This past Friday night, Nov. 10th, the Events Barn was transformed into a colorful presentation of culture and pride for the annual Culture Fest. The positive energy, flashing lights, and thumping bass created a club-like atmosphere with enthusiastic members of the community proudly showing off their ethnicity, displaying their talents, and just taking in the scene. The night was the combined effort of many groups on campus, including Asian Cultural Society, Black and Latin Student Union, International Student Association, Middle Eastern Union, Rainbow Alliance, West Indian and African Association, and the Womyn's Center. The Culture Fest Committee, composed of nine students, worked hard to organize the event. The night included poetry by Urban Delight and Diana Duran '03, a lively calypso dance called "Showdown" by Cultural Blend, a belly dance by Saadian Lababidi '01, a Sri Lankan Dance by Bea Dias '04, a Latino dance by Diana Duran '03 and Erick Nunez '04, a performance by the Step Troupe, Chris Laughlin '01 playing the Irish Penny Whistle, Millie Ramirez '02 singing, an impromptu rap by Charles Jones '01, a performance by A.I.M. (Africans In Motion), a dance troupe from Utica College, and a variety of special guests. Dean Karen Green sponsored the event, and coordinated it with the help of the student planning committee and Aurelius Henderson, the HEOP Program Counselor. Dean Green was the first Director of Multicultural Affairs from 1990-94, left to pursue a Master of Divinity Degree from Emory University, and returned to the Hill in 1998. She is also the Assistant Dean of Students.

Culture Fest, first conceived at Hamilton in the early 1990's, began, according to Dean Green, as "a way to showcase student talent as peformed through their cultural expressions. It is a wonderful opportunity to appeal to the senses in that we offer music, poetry, dance, and ethnic foods as part of the celebration." For those who attended Culture Fest, this was evident in the colorful decorations, multitude of flags depicting different countries, and cultural artifacts that adorned the Barn. There was also a vast array of delicious ethnic food of which Bob Diehl '04 commented, "They should definitely serve this in Commons." As Dean Green explained, "Music and good food can and does bring us together, which offers us the opportunity to learn more about each other."

There are many other cultural events planned for the upcoming semester, including the 3rd Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Service Day on Saturday, January 20th, a Jazz Vespers featuring Doc Woods on Sunday, Feb. 4th, Jazz and Poetry Bash in the Pub on Wednesday, Feb. 21 with a Jazz Flutist and Urban Delight, a Jazz Flutist and Urban Delight, all being programmed by the office of Multicultural Affairs. The Black and Latin Student Union and LaVanguardia will also do their annual two day Carnivale the last weekend in February, and there are many other programs being planned as well for Black History Month, also in February. "Hamilton is a diverse community, Dean Green proclaims, "but I'm more concerned that we understand what it means to be diverse. Until we begin to have meaningful relationships with people who are different from us, it won't matter how diverse we become."

In this regard, the message of Culture Fest went beyond simple celebration. From the energetic reaction of the crowd to the performances to the amount of people who dedicated their time to this event to the overwhelming amount of people that packed the Barn in on Friday, it is obvious that many members of the Hamilton community are

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Hamilton says "*Bon Voyage*" to administrator Betsy Espe who leaves to work in Saudi Arabian school

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"Congratulations" and "Good Luck" read the hanging banners. A farewell get-together, marked by the abundance of hugs and good wishes, was held on Thursday Nov. 9 in the Little Pub to send off former Director of Administrative Services Betsy Espe. Espe boarded a plane last Friday night with a final destination of Saudi Arabia to accept a position as Vice Dean of Finance and Administration at Effat University in Saudi Arabia.

Espe left her position at Hamilton College after 15 years of service. She commented, "I was not looking for a new job when an employment counselor contacted me and told me about an international position in the field of finance. I later realized that the job was something that matched what I wanted to do with my life as well as their needs." Later last year, Espe visited Saudi Arabia to see if she felt it was an environment in which she could prosper and instigate positive change for the community. Evidently, her experience during this visit sealed the deal.

The great number of people that showed up to the farewell shows the far-reaching impact that Espe had on the Hamilton community. Coming to Hamilton after working for Carleton College in Northfield, Minnesota, Espe was originally hired to be in charge of summer programs in November of 1985. Since then, however, her job has greatly expanded. As Associate Director of Administrative Services Irene Brogan-Leone, who worked very closely with Espe for six years, tells us, Espe "single-handedly built summer programs." At the time of her resignation, she had also become very involved in food service, the bookstore (as a member of the Bookstore Review Committee), and various jazz programs. Thanks to Espe, the community now has access to the Jazz in the Summer and Jazz in the Little Pub programs, and as well as the newly introduced Midnight Snack Attack Program that drew over 450 students at its debut last week.

Espe had taken over the management of the food service here at Hamilton, working with Bon Appetit to develop various programs. "She was very good to Bon Appetit," Anne-Marie Rossomano says. A "great partner," she was instrumental in developing programs in the Little Pub, dining hall operation, and gathering student input regarding dining services, says Joe Cappa, who noted,"we couldn't have done it without her." She was a member of the Food Service Review Committee.

Business aside, Betsy Espe is a person that will be missed at Hamilton because of her own personal attributes. An "ultimate professional," Brogan-Leone asserts Epse "cared deeply about the students and the college." Maurice Michaane, Class of '03 President, who worked with Espe on the Food Service Review Committee, the Bookstore Review Committee insists, "she was more than just an administrator, she was a friend and member of the Hamilton family."

Espe is leaving Hamilton to work for the Royal Family in Saudi Arabia, as the Vice President of Administration and Finance of the newly established Effat College, a college for Muslim women. As Espe explained, Islamic tradition includes the separate education of men and women. However, Espe's opportunity is truly one-of-a-kind and revolutionary because, as she explained, "I will be working at the first private liberal arts institution for women in this country." Additionally, the school's ideology is also unorthodox in that it will be using the Socratic method of teaching, which, according to Espe," is not the standard method in this country."

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Espe bids farewell with colleagues Martha Eaton, Irene Brogan-Leone, and Dannelle Parker at the Little Pub.

According to Espe, this deviation from tradition is representative of the changes in Saudi Arabian ideology about the roles of men and women, " The late Queen wanted to see that women were educated in a way that she felt would give them skills and abilities that would help them in Saudi Arabia and greater society." The liberal arts school at which Espe will work is the first of four schools that will be developed to educate Muslim women. Espe characterized this future group of institutions as " an umbrella" of opportunities for women with diverse interests and backgrounds. The schools will be modeled after the seven sister schools of the United States. One of the other two schools will focus on science and technology and the other will be a "distance education" institution where students will telecommute for their classes through email.

Although Effat University currently has 110 students, it is predicted to have 500 students in 2002 and 1200 students by 2004. It was established as part of a program that was started by the late HRH Queen Effat and continued by HRH Princess Lolowah. It is located in the city of Jeddah, which sits on the Red Sea. Espe's integration into a community of entirely different traditions and ideologies will hopefully be eased by her planned residence in the compound that also houses the school and in which many visiting Westerners live. Espe explained, "There are people who live there from the British and French embassies as well as teachers." Additionally, Espe's adjustment will also be reduced by the fact that all activities of the school community will be conducted in English. When asked what the first difference between Hamilton and her new home will be, she said with a chuckle and smile that showed her love for our school in saying, "Well, they definitely do not have our Pub."

The compound where she will be living has 24 -hour security and is surrounded by walls on all sides. Espe commented that living within the compound will allow her the freedom to "wear shorts" since the dress code of her community is far more lenient than the religiously required wear of " full length black robes and black scarves of traditional dress for women." None of the students of her school or her neighbors will be required to conform to this dress code, although Espe noted that everyone's attire would still need to be "discreet, with no jeans. But basic Western work clothes are fine." Although the community in which Espe will be living is progressive in many ways, she noted that Muslim society retains some of its sexist philosophies and policies. For example, the father or husband of a women desiring higher education still is required to approve her decision before she is permitted to attend.

Espe reflects on her time here very positively. She commented, " [Being here] has been an extraordinary education-I have been blessed with wonderful working relationships and an impressive increase in responsibility over the years. I couldn't do what I am going to do if I hadn't been here. It is very hard to leave behind friends and colleagues here-it is a family."

Espe also praised the student body in saying, "It has been my experience that Hamilton students are some of the brightest, they are the best arguers, and the most fun people to be with."

Although Espe's experience with different subgroups of the community was positive, her perspective on the activity and ideology of the college has not been stagnant throughout the years. She explained, " The biggest education here at Hamilton has been in the past five years for me as an administrator." In light of the residential life decision of 1995 and the strategic plan for the future of the college that is currently being developed, Espe has been both an important witness to and active participant in the process of ensuring that college services meet the increasingly diverse and demanding needs and desires of the student body.

According to Espe, the most important question that she has continually asked herself is " We know that this used to work, but does it still work now? Will it work in the future?" The most important change that Espe cited is that the "living patterns of students have changed tremendously." Specifically, students are awake and active into the wee hours of the morning more than used to be the case and Espe recognizes that this change has "not yet been acknowledged" and that " administrators tend to think that our sense of reality is also true for students. It's not."

Espe noted that the increasing demand for people to work at odd hours in the workforce, especially in the arenas of computing and technology, parallel the change of lifestyle on campus. In summary, Espe concluded that whether it is "access to a computer or to a hamburger" at late hours, Hamilton has the responsibility to serve these needs. As demonstrated by the highly unanticipated popularity of the Midnight Snack Attack offered last week, it appears that Espe's observations are right on target. She commented, "There has just been overwhelming tidal response."

As Maurice Michaane '03 said, "Although Betsy will be missed, her fifteen years of dedication and hard work will be remembered by all those of the Hamilton community, especially those of the lives she touched."

There currently is a search underway for someone to replace Espe as the Director of Administrative Services. In regard to her possible return to Hamilton in the future, she smiled and said, " The only thing that I can say with any surety is that I will be here in May 2002 to see my son Graham graduate."

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taking vast strides to turn the college into a positive outlet for all cultures.

Explained Veronique Gbado '02, "We wanted to introduce and educate the community about the various cultures of Hamilton, and to celebrate our differences being brought together." Sophomore class president Mo Michaane said, "I enjoyed seeing the rich diversity of the campus community's culture come alive because, as Hamiltonians, we sometimes get caught up in our every day lives and don't always get a chance to appreciate the essence of our rich community." Ross Nhin '04 echoed, "Tonight offered the community a chance to experience different cultures they might not be ordinarily exposed to."

For some students, getting the chance to perform infront of the community was the highlight: "It was worth it to be able to display diversity," said Erick Nunez '04 who performed a Brazilian dance. Jonathan Marmolejos '03 summed up: "It was a wonderful experience learning about culture throughout the night."

Local animal shelters to benefit from Auction

by Elizabeth Evans '02
SPECIAL TO THE SPECTATOR

On Saturday, November 18 from 12 to 7 p.m., the Hamilton Humane Organization will hold its second annual silent auction at the Kirkland Arts Center.

All proceeds from the silent auction will benefit local animal shelters, specifically the Stephen Swann Humane Society, and Humane society shelters in Rome and Herkimer. Items range in value and variety from overnight stays at local bed and breakfasts to crafts from local artists.

For the past two months, the executive board of the Hamilton Humane Organization has worked diligently organizing the event, and the silent auction promises to be one of the most successful, high-profile fundraisers ever attempted by any volunteer organization on the Hill. The highly publicized event reflects the extensive efforts by seniors Kristen Gorzelany and Stacie Fitch to establish contacts in several local newspapers, radio and television stations.

Humane Organization treasurer, Abbey Carvey, comments, "We believe the auction is unprecedented in its efforts to reach local communities and develop better relations between the Hill and its neighbors. For example, almost all the items up for bid are donations from local businesses. We're proud that so many local residents and businesses know and respect our organization."

Indeed, the Humane Organization demonstrates an impressive ambition and dedication to its cause. Exec. Board member Cady Kashner '03 remarks, "I joined the Exec Board of the Organization because I was so impressed at how committed its members were to their cause. Students would be surprised at the great extent to which the Organization is able to aid the local shelters."

The silent auction is the Humane Organization's largest fundraiser, and Exec Board members hope to raise more than $2,000 for local shelters. Support the Hamilton Humane Organization on Saturday, November 18th from 12pm-7pm at the Kirkland Arts Center.

Arts & Entertainment

Musician Michael Wade plays and teaches Hamilton College

by Matthew Olney '01
A&E EDITOR

Last week, trumpeter Michael Wade came to Hamilton College. What sets Wade apart from other artists to play at Hamilton is that he did not just come to perform. In addition to playing at the Pub last Wednesday, he taught "Doc's" History of Jazz class for a day, rehearsed the college's big band, gave private lessons to the band's trumpet section, and even went to see "The Average White Band." Though Wade is not as well known as other artists who have traveled to Hamilton in the past, one thing is for certain: he can play! Ask anyone who saw him perform at the Pub.

Michael Wade was not introduced to music until the fourth grade when he first took up the trumpet. By taking private lessons and seeing famous musicians like Louis Armstrong, Dizzy Gilespie, Freddie Hubbard, Miles Davis, Woodie Shaw, Dexter Gordon, John Coltrane, and Charlie Parker on television, his interest for music grew. During grade school and high school, Wade played in the Washington, D.C. area where he was born and raised. He was a member of marching bands at a young age, and by his teenage years, he started playing outside of school competitions. Wade was on numerous recordings with a number of local "go-go" bands. He received a National Symphony Fellowship to study with symphony trumpeters.

After high school, Wade studied for a year at Howard University before transferring to Central State University, where he received his bachelor's degree in music. From there, he went on to produce, compose, arrange, perform, and educate, though he enjoys playing the most. "I enjoy making music and creating more than anything," said Wade. Also, Wade has become more involved in the music business. He has experience in recording, managing himself and his band, booking his band, and working contracts. He has recorded over twelve albums, two of which are his own.

Aside from his accomplishments and experience in the music business, Wade has played with some of the business's greats, including jazz pianist Moger Miller, who played with Art Blakey and Woodie Shaw; Gary Barts who played with Miles Davis and Shaw; Andie Ross and John Hendrix. This wide array of musical influences and experiences has created a versatile sound for Wade.

In the beginning, Wade was a classical trumpeter. It wasn't until the tenth grade that he found jazz, and it wasn't until he was twenty-seven that he really got into jazz. Though he is currently a jazz trumpetist, traces of classical, Latin, and funk can be heard in his music. In his new album, entitled *Reality*, his goal is to fuse different types of music into his jazz. Heavy traces of hip-hop, "go-go," and acid jazz are all present.

Michael Wade sees the face of music today changing. "Of my generation, we are all musicians first. Technology accompanies our musical talents. We are coming into the computer age being able to play music." Wade continued, "There is a low percentage of people starting in the business today that are pure musicians. They rely too much on technology, and this is not good for music. You have to be a musician first," said Wade. "Despite this," Wade continued, "the live performance will never be erased, no matter what technology comes out."

Michael Wade is not sure what his future holds. He said, "My goal is to motivate and spread my sound to the world more. Also, I can relate to all types of people at all ages, so I will always be a teacher of music. I would like to put together a band to fuse hip-hop and jazz, as well as other styles of music." Craig Bailey has perfectly captured the essence of Michael Wade. He said, "Mike Wade is one of the most inspiring musicians of the new millennium. He has the fire and energy that it takes to be a great leader as well as a great artist. His hustle ability on and off the horn will take him to many new horizons. He is a name not to forget, as well as a trumpet player not to miss."

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Michael Wade dazzled Hamilton with his incredible trumpet playing.

Red Planet is brain-dead action with little entertainment value

by Sara Bencivenga '01
A&E WRITER

Red Planet is film director Antony Hoffman's first film, and boy does it show. This movie is so incongruous and incoherent that watching it made me feel as uncomfortable as swallowing a whole tortilla chip. It does not go down smoothly; maybe it's something about the five different plots that the screenwriters (Jonathan Lemkin and Chuck Pfarrer) confusedly try to pursue. The problem with movies (like *Red Planet*) that are labeled "action"- or "sci-fi," for that matter- is that the producers, directors, and screenwriters become overzealous and decide that the more complicated plot twists, indecipherable dialogue, and mega-decibel explosions, the better. Otherwise, why call it an "action" film? This tactic may work for box office draw, but it fails in the effective film-making department. Consider Hitchcock's films; with simple plots and minimal amounts of gore, Hitchcock was able to spellbind and terrorize audiences as well as set the standards for creative, suspenseful film editing. On the other hand, this film has too much going on in the story line. At the beginning of the movie, we are told that oxygen-producing algae on Mars (planted by humans via numerous space missions— did I mention that we are in the year 2025?) are dying off without any explanation. If the algae are not restored, oxygen will never be present on Mars, and the planet will not be capable of sustaining human life. A space crew travels to investigate the problem: it consists of Chip Pettengill (Simon Baker), Dr. Quinn Burchenal (Tom Sizemore), Ted Stanten (Benjamin Bratt), Dr. Bud Chantillas (Terence Stamp), and Robby Gallagher (Val Kilmer). In other words, we have all the "right" ingredients for this kind of film: the no-bull, aggressive guy, the intellectual cynic/scientist, the 50+ year old with a penchant for spirituality, the traitor, and the hero, necessarily played by an actor with a recognizable name (in this case, it's Kilmer). Commander Kate Bowman (Carrie-Anne Moss) leads the crew. Guys, if you're afraid that this may be getting too feminist for your tastes, don't worry. There is a completely gratuitous shower scene (showing the outline of Moss's naked body— the only hint at nudity in the whole picture) and plenty of shots of Commander Bowman fixing the space ship (it's a space movie, you know there will be at least a couple of technical problems with the navigation equipment)

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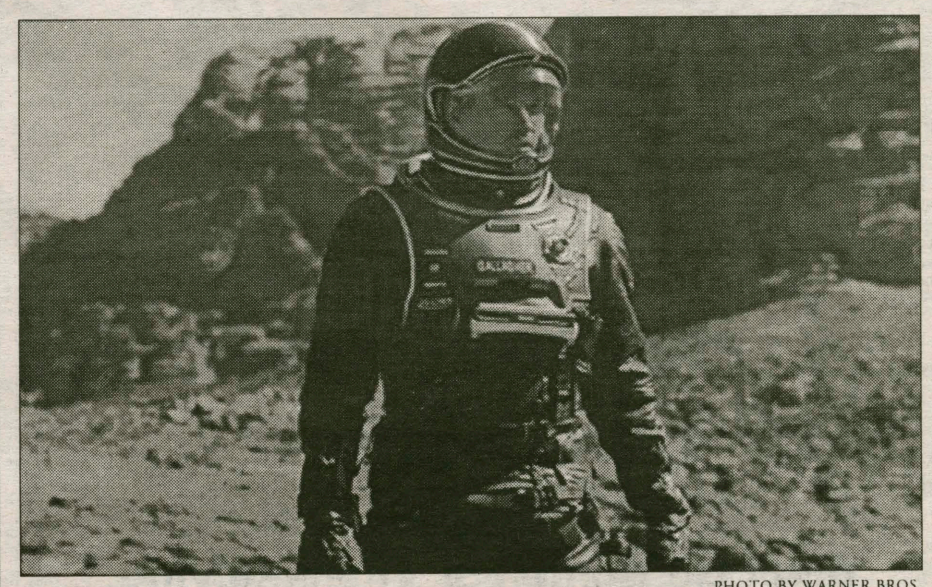
Carrie-Ann Moss leads the crew into space in the Sci-Fi thriller *Red Planet*.

in tight clothing. This goes to show yet another reason why this film is so irritating: it has the pretense of treating women with respect because the commander is a woman, but oddly enough, the guys roam around Mars in perfectly modest attire (space suits...) with chapped lips, sunburned faces, and bloody noses, while the only woman in the movie faces several disasters on board the "mother ship" (she has to stay to repair equipment-she never does make in on Mars) in nice clothing and perfect coiffure! Do women always have to look good?

If you're looking for some brain-dead entertainment, *Red Planet* may be a good choice, but beware of anything that happens before the crew actually gets to Mars; the first 20 minutes or so of the film are a complete bore. *Red Planet* may keep you entertained for a couple of hours, but unlike smarter action and sci-fi flicks (like *Alien*, for instance) it's completely immemorable. It will be gone from your mind a week after seeing it.



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Val Kilmer plays the hero in this year's space story *Red Planet*.

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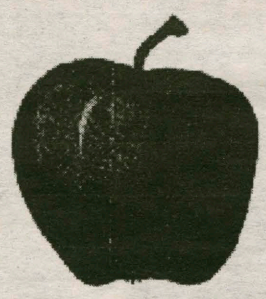

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Same Schtick, different plot in Sandler's *Little Nicky*

by Darcy Lewis '02
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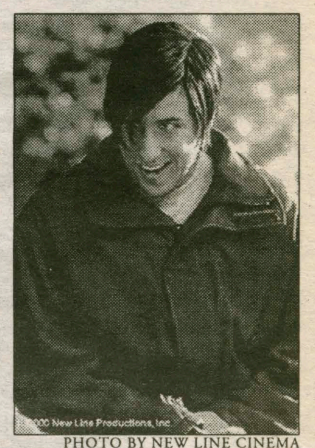
What could be funnier than one of the minions of Hell being cursed to have two large breasts on the top of his head? You might say nothing (I wouldn't agree, however), but in *Little Nicky*, Adam Sandler takes this gag to new disgusting heights. Kevin Nealon (*Saturday Night Live*) wears his breasts reluctantly at first, then of course finds all sorts of - ahem - new uses for them. And I thought *There's Something About Mary* was tasteless! Yet I found *Little Nicky* quite hilarious at times, even though many of the jokes were beaten into the ground with the usual Adam Sandler fervor. Little Nicky is Sandler's foray into the world of big-budget special effects, and he does a wonderful job bringing his brand of off-the-wall humor to a very sleek film. It is an interesting combination, and at times each of these two elements stretches the other past the breaking point, but Sandler is so darn adorable as Nicky, it simply doesn't matter.

Little Nicky begins with the premise that one of the spawn of Satan was the result of an affair between an angel (Reese Witherspoon, *Cruel Intentions, Election*) and the Dark One (Harvey Keitel, *Reservoir Dogs, U-571*) himself. This kind-hearted little devil has been beaten over the head one too many times by his two older brothers. He has a very big lisp and walks all hunched over. The two older brothers, Adrian (Rhys Ifans, *Notting Hill*) and Cassius (Tom "Tiny Lister, Jr., *Friday, The Fifth Element*), excel in brains and brawn, respectively. Satan decides that none of his boys are prepared to be the Devil, so he makes the proclamation that he will rule Hell for another ten thousand years. The two older brothers don't like this, so they decide to go up and wreak some havoc on Earth, halting entrance into Hell by their actions and knowing that their dad can't survive in the Underworld as long as the gates of Hell are frozen. Nicky is chosen as the rescuer of Hell, as Dad is already starting to decompose and no one else has the royal blood. He ventures up to NYC and begins to "find his powers" with the help of a talking dog named Beefy, who's an old friend of Daddy Satan.

Right off the bat, you know this is Adam Sandler's creation. Little Nicky doesn't become obsessed with Broadway or some other uniquely New York characteristic, but with Popeye's chicken; vintage Sandler. While trying to find his brothers and trap them, Nicky falls in love with a nerdy little woman named Valerie (Patricia Arquette) and discovers that he has as much capacity for good as for evil. This realization comes from the discovery of his mother's identity, and he fights Adrian and Cassius with his newfound powers of good.



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Adam Sandler in his latest comedy *Little Nicky*.

The characters in this film are outrageous, and the film features some outright hysterical moments: Rodney Dangerfield as "Grandpa Satan"; Dana Carvey as a possessed referee; Jon Lovitz as a peeping Tom; the list goes on and on. *Little Nicky* is a return to Adam Sandler's roots after his departure into the "somewhat normal" category that *Big Daddy* fell into. You know he's back in *Waterboy* territory when Rob Schneider appears on the screen yelling, "you can do it, Nicky!" This film succeeds in securing a much more entertaining and unique storyline than *The Waterboy*. Although *Nicky* is no *Wedding Singer*, it still manages to crank out laughs left and right. The film ends in a pull-out-all-the-stops battle between the three brothers, and let me tell you, only Adam Sandler could wrangle an ending in which both Henry Winkler and Ozzy Ozborne play key roles.

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Charlie's Angels	7			8	
Meet The Parents	7	7.5	7	6	6.5
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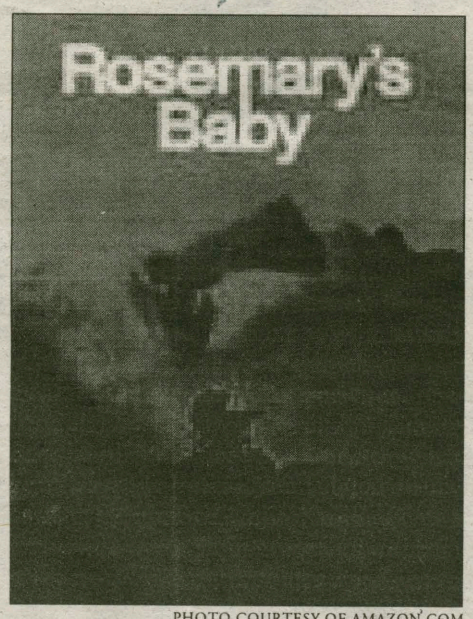

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Men's Cross-Country ends season with eighth place finish at NCAA Regionals

by Fred Shear '03
SPORTS WRITER

All good seasons eventually come to an end. The Hamilton men's cross country team concluded their 2000 campaign with an impressive eighth place showing at the NCAA Regional Championships this past weekend in Brighton, NY.

The Continentals did not place high enough to advance, but they did well enough to take pride in their accomplishments.

There were 29 teams in the field, consisting of squads from New York and New Jersey. Hamilton finished with a team score of 252. St. Lawrence won the Regionals with a dominant score of 51.

The scores of the other teams in the top eight were Ithaca 91, College of New Jersey 118, Suny Geneseo 144, RIT 180, RPI 226, and New Paltz 245.

Mac Weiss '02 capped off a phenomenal year with a time of 26 minutes 7 seconds on the 8 K course. His time was good enough for twentieth overall in the field of 207.

This season has truly been a breakout year for Weiss, as he has blossomed into a dominant runner for the Hamilton men.

The other scoring Continentals were Ryan Murelli '02 26:39, Sam Brown '01 26:45, Nate Arnold '03 26:57, and Doug Zeyak '02 26:58.

Other times included John Damaske '02 27:13, and Scott Taylor '01 27:47. Taylor ran despite an injury.

"We had a very good year," Coach Brett Hull said. "To come in 8th in the Atlantic, a much more competitive region than last year, is pretty good. Despite some of our injuries we did very well."

Indeed, injuries to a number of key runners hindered the Continentals all season.

Hull also noted that the seniors would be missed. "Sam Brown, Steve Guditus, Scott Taylor, and Karl Bressler leave a lot of leadership to replace."

Hull then added that a "great group is returning." He pointed to the fact that four of the top five Continental runners at the Regionals were underclassmen.

Throughout this season the Continentals have enjoyed superb running from the younger members of the team. This trend ought only to improve as these runners become more experienced with each passing season in which they psarticipate.

Hamilton has established itself as a high quality cross country program, both the men's and women's teams.

The seniors that leave will make way for the juniors, sophomores, and freshmen who will look to duplicate and improve on the successes that the team achieved this year.

Women's Cross Country heads to Nationals

by Michael Everheart '02
SPORTS WRITER

The women's cross-country team's favorite number is probably three this season, and for good reason. By finishing third for the third weekend in a row last weekend at the Atlantic Regional Championships in Rochester, the team successfully qualified for Saturday's NCAA National Championships. Finishing first with 80 points was SUNY Geneseo, followed by Ithaca College with 85 points, Hamilton with 92, the College of New Jersey with 100, and St. Lawrence University with 123 points, with the top five teams qualifying for NCAA's.

Leading the way once again was Kate Nelson '01, who finished third overall with a time of 17:59, 23 seconds behind the winner, Geneseo's Jen Rettke. Following her was the duo of Jen Cammarano '03, who was slowed by a calf problem, and Alyson Grant '04, which finished 14th and 15th with times of 18:35 and 18:40, respectively.

Not far behind Grant was Sarah Bardenett '04, who finished 21st with a time of 18:49, which is a personal best.

Guanical said, "The entire team ran well and got the job done, especially Alyson [Grant] and Sarah [Bardenett]. We didn't let our inexperience with Regional meets hinder our performance."

Coach Ellen Hull added, "I'm very happy with what this young team has been able to accomplish this year with four rookies in the top seven and plenty of injuries." By finishing 35th or better, Nelson, Cammarano, Grant, and Bardenett earned All-Atlantic honors. Rounding out the top five was Annie Toth '02 in 39th place with a time of 19:17.

Saturday the team, with the same seven runners from Regional's, will compete for the second straight year in the NCAA National Championships with 23 other teams and over 200 other runners in Spokane, WA. It has competed against eight of the other teams competing, and has beaten four of them.

As a result of this weekend's meet the team switched places with New Jersey in the national rankings by moving up from 15th to 13th. Guanical commented, "Although we've had a great season so far, we haven't been at full strength in a while. If we're all 100% for Saturday I think we could really challenge Ithaca and Geneseo and possibly finish in the top ten. We're very excited about going to Washington, where most of us have never been before."

Hull agreed, saying, "Having everyone healthy is a new thing for this team. We'd definitely like to finish at least 13th; equaling last year's seventh place finish isn't unrealistic."

If the team finishes 16th or better it will help the Atlantic Region maintain its number of teams qualifying for next year's NCAA's at five. Nelson and Cammarano, who is back at full strength, have been very close to the top runners from the Northeast, and have a good chance of becoming All-Americans, which are the top 35 individual finishers. Regardless of how the team performs on Saturday, it will join last year's team as the two best teams in the history of the program.

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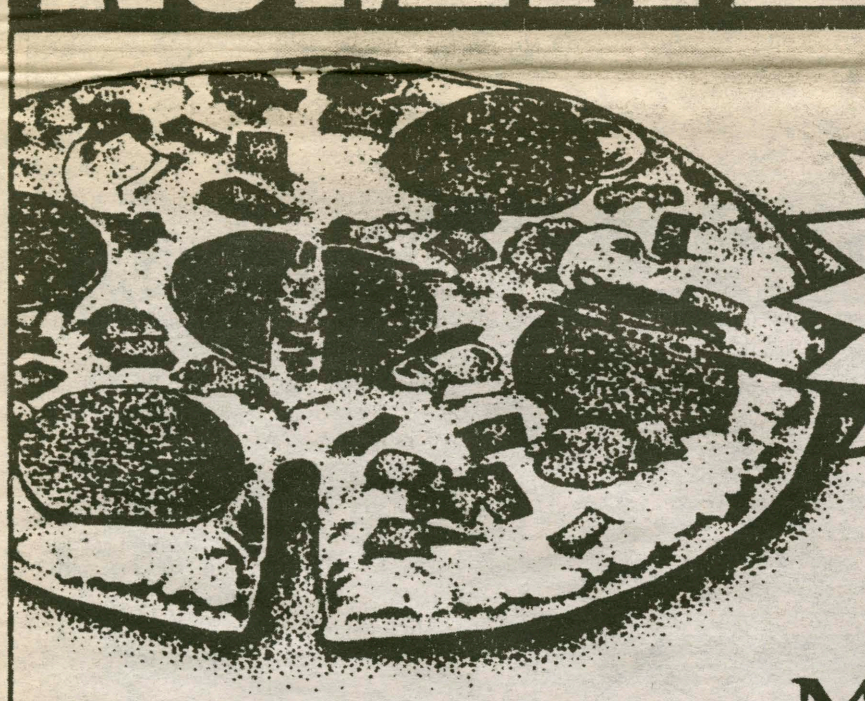

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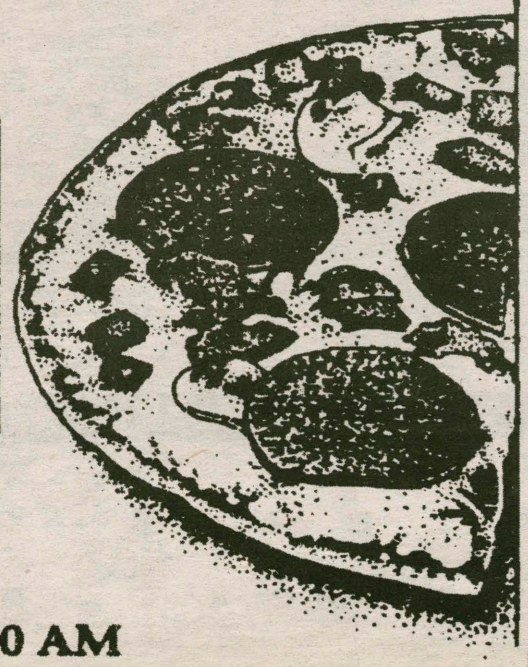

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The Point After

As I sit at my desk, peering out the window at the second snowfall of the academic year, I find it a pleasant thought to think ahead to the upcoming "Citrus Bowl", and all of the festivities that go along with it. Yes folks, Hamilton's best sports tradition is back for another go 'round.

In the course of writing my articles I have attempted to abstain from writing about Hamilton athletics, and focus instead on my views of the sports world that lies beyond our "Hill." But this is just too good to pass up though.

Oranges tucked in shirts and pants. The roving hands of security guards. Long lines of students waiting to attend the contest of the year. Standing room only crowds, with oranges clutched in hand waiting for the Bowdoin goalie to miss, and the twine to ripple. Once the red light flashes, all orange breaks loose.

The Zen philosopher Basho once wrote, "An apple in Clinton is just an apple, but an orange in Clinton is a party favor/weapon." Never has a truer word been written.

The game takes a back seat during the "Citrus Bowl". Never mind the fact that two perennial NESCAC conference powers are on the ice, and playing at a level more representative of Division 2 ice hockey. The focus of this game is on what is tucked snugly in women's shirts and men's pants: oranges.

Their existence on the Hamilton campus is that of legend. Their hero status has been gained through years of being hurled onto the cold, hard ice. Face it, the oranges did not ask to be thrown, but they did not balk at their designation as the representative object of Hamilton hockey euphoria.

Other festivities have tried to rival this amazing event. The original "Citrus Bowl," and the "Orange Bowl," both of college football, come to mind. The major difference between those games and our game is that at Hamilton the oranges are used as dense, circular forms of ticker tape. The only uses oranges have in the college football scene is for nourishment of the teams at halftime.

Regarding the other college athletic team taking part in this event, I guess this is as good a time as any to instruct the Bowdoin Polar Bears on how to protect themselves when the rain sets in. Check that, I will specifically instruct the Bowdoin goalie. My advice is to dive into the net after the puck, because if you think it hurt to watch the puck go in, imagine hundreds of pieces of fresh fruit being pelted at you.

As the puck drops Friday on the 2000 Citrus Bowl, take a look around and let the communal feeling sink in. Know that at that moment, you and the entire Hamilton campus have one thing in common. That one thing is not brainpower, or a universal sense of Hamilton Pride; rather, it is the knowledge that hidden in every pair of fruit-of-the-looms is, you guessed it, fruit (pun intended). But this is no ordinary fruit. To 2000 people on a hill in Clinton, NY it is the most special fruit-the orange.

Men's Hockey opens with Bowdoin in Citrus Bowl

by Charles Spiliotis '03
SPORTS WRITER

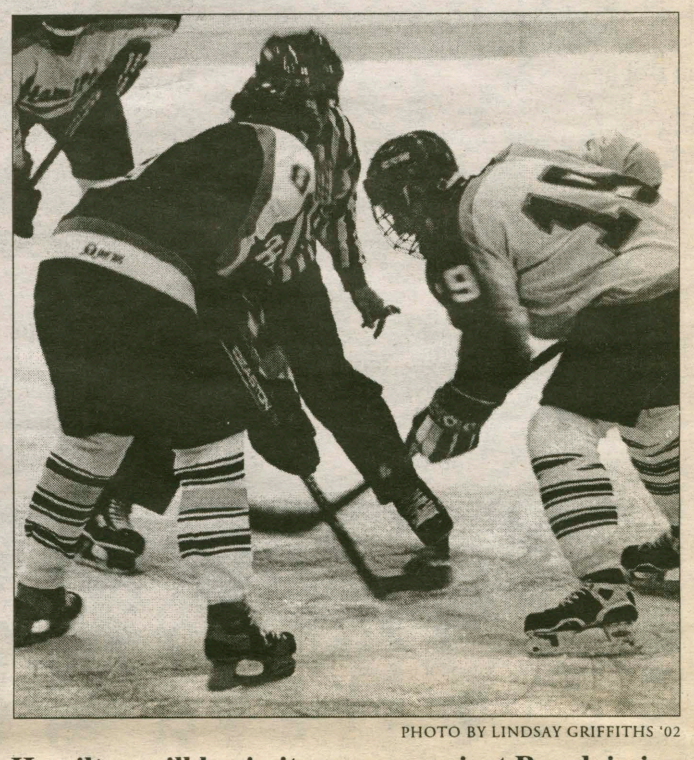
Over the past decade, the Hamilton men's hockey program has been revitalized thanks to the coaching of Phil Grady, now in his 17th season at the helm. With a '99 campaign which included a 15-8-3 record and a postseason run to the semi-finals of the NESCAC tournament, the Continentals tallied their eighth straight winning season under Grady.

With the loss of eight seniors from the '99 squad, however, Hamilton will look to some younger talent to carry them in 2000.

"We graduated eight seniors, but we still have a very talented nucleus returning. We can go four lines deep up front, and have some great team speed. We have a young defense and some inexperience in net, but I think if we can play as a team, as a unit, we should be very successful," said Grady.

The Continental offense, which led the NESCAC last year with a very impressive 5.06 goals per game, will look to senior forwards Vic Cizmarik (16 goals, 15 assists), who finished in the top ten in the NESCAC in scoring, and J.P. Acosta (nine goals, 17 assists) to handle much of the scoring in 2000. Also watch out for Nick Potvin '02, Tim Canfield '02, and Rob Gordon '03, who combined for 54 points last season, to do some damage up front.

On the other side of the puck, Hamilton has a little less experience, and will most likely play a lot of six-man defense. Of the eight defensemen on the Hamilton roster, four are freshmen, meaning much will be asked of the rookies early on. Anchoring the youthful defense will be last year's ECAC/NESCAC all-rookie selection Steve Aubuchon '03, who led all NESCAC defensemen and freshmen in scoring with 24 points (five goals, 19 assists).



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Hamilton will begin its season against Bowdoin in the Citrus Bowl. The puck drops at 7:00 tonight.

"This team has tremendous talent, but probably more importantly is our work ethic. Our league is so competitive that outstanding team play and outworking the other teams is what will give us the winning edge," said Aubuchon.

Also key for the Conts' defense will be Craig Leger '02. Probably the most experienced defenseman on the club, Leger played every game last season and tallied 14 points (five goals, nine assists).

In net, Hamilton will rely upon senior goalie Mike Kaufman, who has three years of junior varsity experience, but will make his first varsity start in the season opener against Bowdoin.

Coach Grady commented, "We're all pretty excited for Mike, his perseverance is finally paying off. He's a real gamer, and his first start should be special for him."

The Continentals also have a pair of freshmen goalies who should see some time this year in Rob Gifis and Matt Jones.

Hamilton's opening weekend should be a very exciting one, with the coveted "Citrus Bowl" on Friday night against Bowdoin, and a Saturday afternoon affair versus a very solid Colby club. Bowdoin will surely be seeking revenge after the Continentals' 5-4 upset of them in an overtime win in the NESCAC tournament quarterfinals a year ago.

The Citrus Bowl, which has been de-

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Beat the Experts

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Tampa Bay at Chicago 11/19	Bucs	Bucs	Bucs	Bucs	Bucs	Bucs
Indianapolis at Green Bay 11/19	Colts	Colts	Colts	Packers	Colts	Colts
Buffalo at Kansas City 11/19	Chiefs	Chiefs	Bills	Bills	Chiefs	Chiefs
Cincinnati at New England 11/19	Patriots	Patriots	Patriots	Patriots	Patriots	Patriots
Oakland at New Orleans 11/19	Raiders	Raiders	Raiders	Raiders	Raiders	Raiders
Detroit at NY Giants 11/19	Giants	Giants	Lions	Giants	Giants	Giants
NY Jets at Miami 11/19	Dolphins	Dolphins	Dolphins	Dolphins	Jets	Dolphins
Jacksonville at Pittsburgh 11/19	Steelers	Steelers	Steelers	Jaguars	Steelers	Jauars
Carolina at Minnesota 11/19	Vikings	Vikings	Vikings	Vikings	Vikings	Vikings
Washington at St. Louis 11/20	Rams	Rams	Rams	Rams	Rams	Rams
NBA						
Golden State at New York 11/19	Knicks	Knicks	Knicks	Knicks	Knicks	Knicks
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Football closes out season with 17-2 victory

by David Zane '02
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

If there is one thing that Coach Pendergast has taught the Continental football team this year, it is to believe.

They have learned to believe in themselves, believe in their team, and believe in whatever they do. In addition to learning to believe, the team took it a step further in their preparation for the game against Bates, the expected to win.

These value were something that was difficult for the head coach to teach a program that, when he took over, was reeling from an 0-8 season. But, after this past weekend's 17-2 victory over Bates, things appear to be looking up for Hamilton. "The kids went in expecting to win," Pendergast said, "we could be turning a corner."

Behind the play of Chris Weeden '02 and the special teams unit, Hamilton was able to dominate Bates in every aspect of the game. About the only category that Hamilton did not win was total yards, and this was only because Bates quarterback Steve Barry had a 71-yard pass completion as time expired.

Pendergast had a hunch this game would come down to special teams, and so he mentally prepared this unit all week. The extra preparation paid off in the form of two punt blocks, one of which was recovered by Gavin Fitts '02 for a touchdown.

Over the past few weeks, the Continentals realized that the running game was going to win games for them, so they pounded the ball. This strategy paid off five weeks ago in a win versus Bowdoin, and it paid off last weekend as Weeden and Elijah Huling '03 both turned in excellent performances. Weeden, however, outshone Huling as he tallied 169 yards on 35 carries, scoring one touchdown. "Weeden is a great runner. He never ends up with zero or negative yards...in the later half of the season he proved that he belonged on the field," said Pendergast. Weeden's score came after Dan Scanlon '03 blocked a Bates punt and recovered it inside the Bobcats 10-yard line.

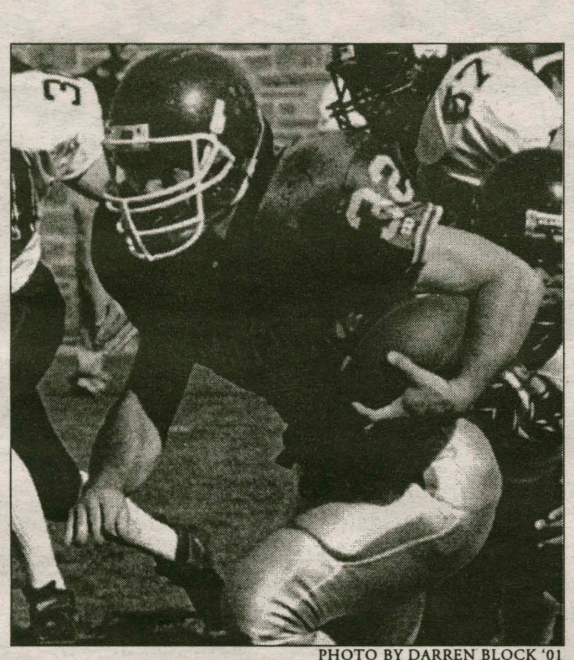

PHOTO BY DARREN BLOCK '01

Chris Weeden '02 was the Continetnals offensive star last week rushing for 169 yards.

The offensive line, which has looked better and better the past couple of weeks, turned in another good game, opening up holes for the running backs and doing a good job of protecting quarterback D.J. Kapson, who started his first game for the Continentals. Kapson went 5 for 10 for 30 yards while throwing one interception on the afternoon.

The defense did not allow the Bobcats to score, as they turned in another stellar performance. The Continentals constantly applied pressure to the Bates' quarterback duo of Kan Jankoski and Steve Barry.

The defense was anchored by the solid play of Thatcher Freeborn '02, who recorded 9 tackles, and 3 pass breakups. Ron Thomas '01 and Scott Thompson '01 also turned in great performances in the last contests of their college careers.

The Hamilton defense was enjoying themselves so much that they managed to introduce a new chapter in the book of post-play celebrations, the Continental. It is rumored that this new trend was started by defensive back J.P. LeBlanc '01, after he stripped Jankoski of the ball forcing a turnover, but LeBlanc refuses to comment on the situation.

Kicker Greg Bemis '01, playing in his last game as a Continental, was key in the Hamilton victory as his punting game consistently put Bates deep in their own territory. Bemis also played an important role in stemming the Bobcat momentum when, in the second quarter, a high snap sailed over his head and as the ball rolled into the endzone he pounced on it giving Bates a safety and preventing them from tying the game at seven.

Looking ahead to next season, the Continentals return much of their defense, with the exception of starters Ron Thomas '01 and Scott Thompson '01. The offense should be much better as they seem to have found the ingredient to victory, the run game. In addition, their quarterbacks will only get better as time goes on.

Ending the season with a victory was important for Hamilton, as they come into the recruiting season armed with proof that they are a team on its way up. The 2-6 record is the Continentals best finish since 1997.

The belief that Pendergast has instilled in the program will carry over to offseason workouts, the summer, preseason, and finally to the time when Hamilton takes the field next fall.

"We will be a better team next fall," Pendergast concluded, "because the players understand what I am trying to obtain: a championship effort and accountability."

Spec Sports:

Check for the following in the December 1st edition of *The Spectator:*

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- *Women's hockey preview*
- *Men's hockey update*
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Men's Soccer hosts Messiah in quarterfinals of NCAAs

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impossible had occurred. The Hamilton Continentals, upstart champions of the UCAA conference, had unseated the 3rd-ranked, defending champ Saint Lawrence Saints, and advanced into the elite eight round of the NCAA tournament.

"They came out with all barrels, and the last 20 minutes they were coming at us from all over," Nizzi said, "but we were so organized and disciplined, it was impossible for them to score at all."

The celebration was particularly sweet because of the heartbreaking loss that the men suffered to SLU earlier in the season. However, in a perfect example of what goes around comes around, Bugliari's key save at the goal line to back up Bellard mirrored that of an alert SLU defender in the first meeting between the two teams, as Hamilton forward Ernest Kwarteng '02 was about to tie the game in the closing seconds.

Indeed, the Continentals accomplished quite a task in shutting out one of the most prolific offenses in the Northeast Region. The defense, led by Bugliari, Andre Paine '01, and sweeper Huy Huynh '03 was intimidating and impenetrable. Bellard provided the stellar goalkeeping that every team needs come tournament time. And Maurice, whose goal-scoring this season was limited after an explosive freshman year, provided all the offensive firepower that the Continentals needed.

This was a welcome sight for the Continentals, since defenses around the league had made a concerted effort to shut down the offensively dangerous Maurice.

Hamilton's run in the NCAA tournament is far from over, as the team will host Messiah on Love Field this Saturday. Messiah is a high-scoring team from Grantham, Pennsylvania known for their non-stop hustle and speedy play. However, Hamilton's defense has been able to handle such opponents thus far, and the team is confident that it will continue to experience success.

"I think we will play strong, intelligent soccer," commented Bugliari, "and I know we won't be overconfident; we know that we must take it one game at a time."

Hamilton should have no problem when it comes to having enough confidence, though. With four players being named to the UCAA first team, as well as Nizzi being named coach of the year, the rest of the league has recognized the ability of the up-and-coming Continentals. Steed, Maurice, Bugliari, and Bellard all made the first team all UCAA.

So, fans, this is it. Not every day do you get to see your school's soccer team play on their home field in the 3rd round of the NCAA tournament. These players have played hard all year, and have enjoyed the great support provided at home games by the fans.

This Saturday, in the biggest soccer game ever played on the Hamilton College campus, every student and faculty member ought to show his or her support. So head over to Love Field at 1:00 PM to witness your Continentals play Messiah with a trip to the NCAA Final Four on the line. You might just be a part of Hamilton history.

Hockey team hopes to beat the pulp out of Bowdoin

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cided by a single goal for the past three seasons, will give one team a good deal of momentum opening the season.

"We just need to focus and play within our systems. Playing smart hockey and not making mistakes is what will win or lose the game for us. The intensity for the Bowdoin game is always high because we're feeding off everything else, but we need to keep our emotions under control and we'll be fine," said Kaufman.

Colby College, who is ranked #13 nationally in the preseason poll, is coming off a strong 16-9-1 season in which they finished second in the NESCAC during the regular season. Hamilton, who is ranked third in the NESCAC in the preseason coaches poll, will need to be at its best if it plans to outplay the White Mules, who snuck by 2-1 in last year's Citrus Bowl.

The Continentals after this weekend still have to face off against Elmira and Williams before Christmas and hope to avoid the 2-4 start they had last year.

Coach Grady said, "We just have to take it one game at a time. Our league is so competitive that we can't afford to ever let up. We have seven games before break, and we really have to come out hot early."

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Sports

November Madness: Men's Soccer one step away from Final Four of NCAAs

Hamilton ends defending champion St. Lawrence's 60-game unbeaten streak

by Andy Horner '03
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

The new team on the block has crashed the party that is the NCAA tournament, and they've done it in a manner so exciting and determined that all their shocked opponents can do is stare in amazement. This team is, of course, our very own Hamilton men's soccer team. After completing one of the most incredible weekends to ever take place in the history of Hamilton athletics, the men returned home victorious Sunday night, having advanced two rounds in the Division III NCAA tournament.

Their opponents on Saturday and Sunday were 16th-ranked SUNY Plattsburgh and 3rd-ranked Saint Lawrence University, respectively. The Continentals, as cool and confident as ever, defiantly stared both of these powerhouse teams in the face, and promptly downed each one in thrilling fashion.

On Saturday, matched up against an experienced and skilled Plattsburgh team, it appeared at first that the underdog Continentals had bitten off more than they could chew. Although they had been sure of their ability to defeat the SUNYAC champ before the game, this confidence would be given a stiff test only two minutes into the game. Plattsburgh came out with intensity and aggressiveness, determined to put the relatively inexperienced Hamilton men in a hole early. This goal was, to the shock of the Continentals, accomplished when Plattsburgh forward Craig Hettinger knocked a goal past Hamilton goalkeeper Doug Bellard '02 only 1:55 into the match.

After this demoralizing goal, a lesser team certainly would have folded and thrown in the towel on the spot. Clearly, this was exactly what Plattsburgh hoped Hamilton would do. But they were dead wrong, as the Continentals regrouped quickly and began to dictate the flow of the game. Throughout the first half, a seesaw battle took place between two very evenly matched teams. However, despite the even play, the scoreboard still read 1-0.

But it didn't stay that way for long. With less than ten minutes to go in the first half, Plattsburgh got to see something that Hamilton opponents have witnessed all season long. Hamilton co-captain and leading scorer Chris Steed '01 made a furious run down the left side, beat a defender about twenty yards from the goal, and fired a rifle shot in the direction of the prepared keeper.

However, then Plattsburgh got to see something that Hamilton opponents witnessed only once this season. Because while the goalie's attention focused solely on Steed and the ball, Hamilton forward Dimitry "D-bo" Maurice '03 came streaking towards the goal on a determined run. Far too late, the stunned Plattsburgh defense realized that instead of a shot, Steed had actually made a perfect pass to Maurice. Maurice's foot met the ball, and the ball met the back of the net, and the score was knotted at one apiece.

"I just stepped in front of the [Plattsburgh] sweeper and tapped it into the net," Maurice modestly explained, "I was just in the right place at the right time."

Thus Hamilton had regained the goal given up earlier in the game, and the first half ended with a 1-1 tie. Between halves, the Continentals prepared for what they expected to be a war. And indeed, it was. Both teams clamped down on defense, and the score remained 1-1. By the end of regulation, nothing had been resolved, and so the game went into overtime.

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Midfielder Chris Steed '01 helped the team advance to the NCAA quarterfinals by assisting on a goal against Plattsburgh. Steed's quickness will be a major asset for the Continentals against Messiah.

Having played three overtime games out of their last four in the regular season, the Hamilton men felt right at home in the sudden death extra session. However, this feeling of comfort did not help them, as neither team was able to capitalize through the first OT. The second OT was more of the same, and thus, after 120 minutes of all-out, hard-fought soccer, the time had come to end the game once and for all.

Penalty kicks. It was a scenario that the Continentals had practiced all week, and they knew exactly what they needed to do. In perhaps the most intense and nerve-wracking twenty minutes in any sport, the Hamilton shooters stayed calm.

After each team had sent four of the allotted five shooters to the line, Hamilton led Plattsburgh 3-2. The fifth shooter for Plattsburgh came up with his team's season on the line, and he did not let them down as he drilled a well kicked ball past Bellard. Thus, the shootout score was tied 3-3 for Hamilton kicker Nick Sarro-Waite '03.

With an opportunity to give Hamilton its first ever NCAA tournament victory, Sarro-Waite stepped up to the line with no trace of nervousness or uncertainty. A strong kick sailed off his foot toward the goal and, as fans and players alike watched in amazement, rocketed past the Plattsburgh keeper and into the back of the net. And then, it was over. Hamilton had defeated SUNY Plattsburgh, 4-3 on penalty kicks, for their first ever tourney victory, and the celebration on the field commenced.

However, the celebration was short-lived, for waiting in the wings for the Continentals was the defending NCAA Division III champions, SLU. They had easily defeated Plymouth, and so had been able to rest their starters. The coaches and many of the players attended the Plattsburgh-Hamilton game, and enjoyed watching their two prospective opponents go all out against each other.

Earlier this season, SLU defeated Hamilton on a last-minute goal after a highly competitive game in which the Continentals dominated much of the action. After that game, many of SLU's players expressed disappointment that it took so long for them to close the door on what they considered an inferior Continental team.

"We were going up against incredible odds, nothing was in our favor against SLU, said Hamilton Coach Perry Nizzi. "SLU was the defending champ, had a 60-game unbeaten streak, and had rested starters ready to go all out."

Furthermore, SLU represented a huge challenge to Hamilton simply because of their skill level. The Saints showed throughout the season that they posses the ability to score from anywhere on the field, utilizing all of their players as offensive weapons. Nizzi and the Continentals were aware of this, and a change in the Hamilton starting lineup was made to combat the explosive SLU players.

Instead of playing with their regular four defenders, four midfielders, and two forwards, Nizzi decided that a formation of three forwards, four midfielders and three defenders was a better move, so that the three forwards would be able to constantly mark the offensive-minded SLU defenders.

As the game opened, Hamilton showed some signs of fatigue, and SLU outplayed them during the opening minutes. However, SLU was unable to capitalize on the early chances that they had, and so Hamilton avoided disaster. Slowly but surely the Continentals began to come alive on the field, led by a defense that consistently disrupted the Saints' offensive game plan

"Our defense has been playing very well; our job is to make sure the opponent doesn't score, and we have just been hammering the opposing forwards," commented Hamilton defender and co-captain Dave Bugliari.

Indeed, as the defense clamped down, it looked like all Hamilton would need to pull off an amazing upset was a little offensive production. The question was, with the aggressive SLU defense playing so well, where would the scoring come from? With just over 29 minutes gone by in the game, that question was answered by Maurice.

On a play that began with an intercepted pass by midfielder Craig Lei '04, and continued when Lei made a beautiful touch pass to Maurice. Maurice then outran two SLU defenders, and found himself one-on-one with the goalie, who had come out of the goal to cut off an easy angle for the shot. However, unfazed, Maurice sent a laser beam behind the keeper and into the net from 25 yards away.

Nizzi praised Maurice's remarkable shot, "It was a magnificent bit of skill and intuition."

The Continentals went up 1-0 on the defending champs, and as the first half continued, it became apparent that SLU was determined not to allow anymore Hamilton shots to find the net. For the remainder of the game, the skilled and desperate Saints controlled the ball, keeping it in the Hamilton zone for much of the time. However, the defense shone, as did Bellard in goal.

The Hamilton keeper made several key saves, preserving the slim lead for the Continentals. On the one shot which managed to beat Bellard, Bugliari appeared as if out of thin air to kick the ball out of the goalie box.

"I had a feeling going into that game that no one wanted to lose to them," Bugilari said, "we were tired of hearing about their 60-game winning streak, and how cocky they were, and how they were embarrasses that it took them so long to beat us last time."

The co-captain's intuition proved true, as the Continentals withstood an onslaught by the SLU offense in the final twenty minutes. As the game clock turned to 00:00, the

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